

## 2021 Factory Basketball Player / Parent Contract:

Factory Basketball's motto "Building Better Athletes" Encompasses 4 goals:

- 1) To help each player improve their strength and athletic ability so that they can better compete and do so safely.
- 2) To provide an environment where young athletes can develop their knowledge of the game and their individual skills so that they can become the best basketball players they can be.
- 3) To teach life lessons and life skills that will prepare them for productive adult lives. These include how to set, work toward and achieve goals, how to work as part of a team, how to win with class and lose with dignity, how to manage time constraints, and how to keep commitments. These are the skills that will impact their lives the most.
- 4) To provide exposure opportunities to prospective college athletes so that they can obtain college scholarships and pursue their dreams of playing college sports. This is done through our top (National) teams.

In order for us to accomplish these goals, we need total commitment from each player and family. We need each player and family to be honest and up front about what level schedule they can commit to. Our top teams are not honors to be obtained. They exist as avenues for potential college athletes to reach their goals of playing college basketball and obtaining a scholarship. If you choose to be a part of one of these teams, even if you do not have that goal, you **MUST** respect that your teammates do, and must be as committed to attending practices and games as they are. If you are not able to commit to a schedule, please be comfortable playing on a lower team. **It is not fair to your teammates to enter events shorthanded or unprepared as a team because players are not present for games or have consistently missed practices and not worked on their skills because of other activities or sports.**

If an athlete is consistently missing practices or misses an event without prior approval, they will receive a warning, if the behavior continues to be a problem that effects the team, **Factory Basketball reserves the right to move the player to another team, or dismiss the player from the organization without refund.** We have been forced to take this position to protect players from the risk of potential injury that is present when playing shorthanded, and to respect the sacrifice and work of the players and families who are committed. Those players deserve the opportunity to compete to the best of their ability and to demonstrate their skills in exposure events, which is hampered when shorthanded or unprepared.

As an organization we are only as strong as our weakest links, and are all in this together. Our players succeed when our organization has the respect of college coaches, officials and tournament directors. **It only takes the players, coaches or parents on one team acting inappropriately to negatively impact the reputation of our entire organization, and hurt every member.** For that reason we created a code of conduct. No call or game is worth sacrificing or hindering everyone else's goals and dreams. **One blown call or bad game will not determine a child's future, but how we react to those calls could.** For that reason we ask all parents to please cheer as much as you can for your child and their team, but please do not engage referees or opposing parents. **If a parent, player or coach's behavior is deemed to violate our code of conduct, they will receive a warning, if the behavior continues, Factory Basketball reserves the right to take actions that could include reduced playing time, moving a player to another team, or dismissing the player from the program with no refund of their player fees.**

Lastly, the only way we can continue to provide this environment and opportunity to these young athletes, is if we are able to collect our player fees in their entirety and on time. **All player fees must be paid before a player will receive their uniform or participate in an event.** Additionally, a deposit is required to secure a roster spot on one of our teams. This deposit is non-refundable after 72 hours of accepting a position on one of our rosters. After that point, **all collected player fees are non-refundable. Further, once you have accepted a roster position on a team, you are responsible for all player fees for that position, even if you choose not to finish the season at any point, and for any reason.** We must do this because it is unfair to the remaining players on the team, to have to absorb your portion of the team costs after rosters have been finalized.

I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by the terms of this contract:

Player (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Father (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Director (printed) Richard Sherwood Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_