

## SPIRIT LEAGUE

### ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY

Dear Parents,

We are so pleased that your family has chosen to participate in Spirit League. As you know, J Serra High School has agreed to allow Spirit League to use its athletic facilities rather than our playing at a local park. The High School's brand new indoor state-of-the-art facility will afford Spirit League a wonderful new opportunity to be of even greater service to your children, and we trust you will find that this year's program will be better than ever.

In contrast to other children's sports leagues, Spirit League's mission includes serving the needs of the whole family, rather than simply providing yet another weekly children's activity. Your family's participation in Spirit League is a privilege—both for you and for Spirit League. As a result, your Spirit League Board of Directors has been working hard to identify the strengths and weaknesses in the Spirit League programs and sports seasons in order to strengthen the program for you and your family. We have found that there are a few factors in the program which continue to surface as requiring more parental participation and commitment in order to make your child's Spirit League participation a rich, rewarding and valuable educational and developmental experience. As such, and as something new this season, Spirit League is requiring the parents of each child in the program to read, understand and sign this Attendance and Participation Policy so that there are no surprises throughout the upcoming season:

#### 1. Attendance

Spirit League's programs succeed or fail based upon the enthusiastic participation and attendance of the families and children enrolled. Spirit League is like any other children's sports league, and requires full participation by all of the children in order to be a success. As such, and as part of our new policy, we will be taking attendance on each game day. We will allow only two unexcused absences during the season, and any more than two unexcused absences will result in the child being withdrawn for the remainder of the season. Your child's consistent participation and attendance is extremely important to his or her team, and we have found that absences disrupt the team spirit and cohesiveness, while consistent participation builds the very type of team spirit which Spirit League seeks to foster. If you know that you will not be able to attend on any given game day, please contact Coach John at 949-374-4338 or Phyllis Jarrett at 949-439-5045 as soon as possible prior to the game day when you will not be present.

2. On-Time Arrival

One of the concerns which has consistently challenged the success of the Spirit League program is the on-time arrival of the families and players. In fact, late arrival of the families and players has historically proved to be the most damaging aspect to the success of the program. As such, in addition to taking attendance each week, we will be requiring players to arrive **fully dressed in uniform and ready for play** no later than the arrival time, as posted on our website, each game day for purposes of stretching and preparing to play. Each time a player arrives later than the scheduled play time, as posted on the website, that late arrival time will be noted, and players arriving late more than twice will be required to sit out the game on the day they arrived late.

We thank you for your family's participation in Spirit League, and for your support of our efforts to best meet the needs of your children. Please date and sign this page below, and return it to Spirit League no later than your arrival on the first game day.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_