



**AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL**  
**Proof of Insurance / Risk Management**  
**Agreement**



**American Youth Football / American Youth Cheer dba Regional / National**  
**Championships**

(To Be Signed By Head Coach Or Other Authorized Rep. Of Football Team or Cheer Squad)

In consideration for being allowed to participate in the American Youth Football, Inc. or American Youth Cheer Regional or National Championships, the undersigned football team and/or cheer squad agrees to comply with the following insurance and risk management requirements.

All of these requirements will be reviewed by an American Youth Football, Inc. (AYF) or American Youth Cheer dba (AYC) credentials committee to verify compliance prior to participation. Any football team and/or cheer squad that is not in compliance will not be allowed to participate:

**1. Operational And Non-Operational Control By American Youth Football, Inc. and American Youth Cheer dba For The Purpose Of Liability**

As concerns all regional or national championship events and activities, American Youth Football, Inc. and American Youth Cheer dba will not have operational control or responsibility over the following:

- a) Premises - including, but not limited to, practice areas, spectator areas, concession areas, player accommodations and housing, and player or spectator entertainment areas whether on site or off site (with the exception of entertainment areas under e) below).
- b) Activities - including, but not limited to, activities within housing, player or spectator entertainment on site or off site (with the exception of those scheduled activities listed under e) below), outings such as theme park visits, and travel to and from the above as well as travel to and from the regional or national championships.
- c) Actions - including all actions (including inactions) or decisions initiated by tournament host, third party facility owners, third party providers of entertainment, and football team and/or cheer squad volunteers or employees, and the selection of volunteers or employees by tournament host or football teams and/or cheer squads administrators.

American Youth Football, Inc. and American Youth Cheer dba acknowledge and accept operational control and responsibility over the following:

- d) To correct any violation of the official rules and regulations of AYF or AYC during regional or national championship competition once such violation has come to the attention of AYF or AYC.
- e) AYF and AYC shall have joint operational control and responsibility with the tournament host and facility owner over all playing fields, cheerleading floors, coaches and player sign ins, coaches meetings, celebration party, skills competition, and awards ceremony.

The undersigned football team and/or cheer squad acknowledges that the operational control and responsibility of AYF and AYC is limited in scope as outlined above and that

such team or cheer squad will bear responsibility for the safety and well being of its employees, volunteers, players, and spectators at all times.

## 2. Participant Waiver/Release

In consideration of being allowed to participate, the undersigned football team and/or cheer squad agrees that all participants, including players, coaches, managers, and other volunteers will sign the attached Waiver/Release Agreement and will provide an original of such at the time of the credentials meeting.

Please note that for all minor participants, a signature must be provided by both the participant and a parent/legal guardian.

## 3. Indemnification/Hold Harmless

In consideration of being allowed to participate, the undersigned football team and/or cheer squad agrees to hold harmless and indemnify American Youth Football, Inc. and American Youth Cheer dba; the tournament host; the facility owner; and their respective directors, officers, employees, and volunteers against any and all liability, including reasonable attorneys fees, for bodily injury and property damage arising out of the sole or joint liability of the football team and/or cheer squad or any of its directors, officers, employees, or volunteers.

## 4. Insurance Requirements

All football teams and/or cheer squads participating in the AYF or AYC regional or national championships must provide a “certificate of insurance” evidencing that the following insurance coverages are in force for the duration of the championships with insurance carriers that are rated at least “A-“ with A.M. Best’s:

- a) **Excess Accident:** Each football team or cheer squad must be covered by an Excess Accident policy with a Medical Limit of at least \$100,000 covering all players and staff members. It is not acceptable for each parent to provide individual evidence of health insurance for his or her child; and
- b) **General Liability:** Each football team or cheer squad must be covered by a General Liability policy with an “each occurrence” limit of at least \$1,000,000 combined single limits for “bodily injury” and “property damage”. Such policy must not contain any of the following unfavorable provisions: a) “Claims Made” coverage form b) Exclusion for injury to “athletic Participants” c) Exclusion for “Competitive Cheer Stunts” d) Exclusion or reduced limit for “Sexual Abuse or Molestation”. Furthermore, such General Liability policy must name American Youth Football, Inc. as “Additional Insured”.

Teams or cheer squads that do not purchase their Accident And General Liability insurance through the endorsed AYF/AYC insurance program must provide the following documentation of compliance:

- 1) A certificate of insurance evidencing Accident And General Liability per the minimum requirements outlined above.
- 2) Completion by their insurance agent of the attached “AYF/AYC Insurance Checklist” document.

Note: The above requirements are automatically satisfied without any additional action being taken if the league purchases its Accident and General Liability coverages through the AYF/AYC endorsed insurance plan.

**5. Background Checks & Training:** Refer to Background Check and Training Affidavit

**6. 15 Passenger Vans**

The use of 15 passenger vans is prohibited at the AYF and AYC regional or national championships.

The National Highway Safety Transportation Board has issued numerous warnings over the past several years citing studies that indicate that 15 passenger vans have an unacceptable rollover rate when loaded to near capacity. More information on this topic can be found by clicking the Risk Management link at [www.sadlersports.com](http://www.sadlersports.com).

The undersigned signature attests to the fact that the football team and/or cheer squad will not transport players in 15 passenger vans either on trips to, from, or during the regional or national championships.

**7. Attestation And Signature**

The undersigned authorized representative on behalf of the football team or cheer squad attests that requirements one through six above have been acknowledged and will be complied with prior to the credentials meeting at the regional or national championships location.

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

Name of Football Team or Cheer Squad: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

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