

Child Protection Pledge [Example]

(A) ADULTS / COACHES

As a sports coach/trainer or staff/volunteer of a non-profit organization working with children, I pledge to do the following in my interactions with children and young people:

1. I will make sure my own behaviour is calm and respectful and I will be clear about the standards of behaviour I expect from children and young people.
2. If there is anger and disagreements between children and young people I will call a time-out and try to resolve the issues calmly.
3. I will not ignore a child or refuse to allow them access to basic necessities.
4. I will not try to punish a child by mocking, teasing, or laughing at them or trying to embarrass them in front of others.
5. I will not behave sexually towards a child (under the age of 18) or touch them in a sexual way
6. I will not hit or strike a child as a punishment for bad behaviour.
7. If I am teaching sport, I will make sure that I know where to get help to treat sports injuries safely, to minimize further harm or infection.
8. I will do everything I can to make sure that the physical environment where the children in my care are playing is as safe and appropriate as possible.

Date

Name

Signature

(B) CHILDREN IN SPORT

As a member of this sport organization, I agree to help to protect myself and other people in these ways:

1. I understand that I should be able to take part in sport and learning safely.
2. I will tell anything that concerns or worries me to an adult I trust.
3. I will respect myself and behave respectfully – politely, considerately and thoughtfully – towards other people, regardless of their ethnicity, age, gender or social class.
4. I will try to keep calm if there is a disagreement.
5. I understand that other people should not be allowed to hit me. I will take care not to hurt other people.
6. I understand that I should not be bullied. I will not bully other people.
7. I understand that other people should not shout at me to upset or scare me. I will not shout at other people.
8. I understand that others should never invade my personal privacy in any way. I also agree to never invade the personal privacy of others in any way that means that I understand that my sexual parts (breasts, bottom, or genitals) should not be touched by other people. I should not act in a sexual way towards myself or other children.
9. I understand that if any physical force is used by adults it should only be used to secure my safety or that of other children and young people.
10. I will follow the safety procedures in the skatepark, such as wearing a helmet, pads, and proper footwear.
11. I understand that I should follow the instructions of my teacher, respect and listen to them, unless the instructions invade my personal privacy.

Date

Name

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