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.

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(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.

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