



PORTUGAL COVE-ST. PHILIP'S  
MINOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION



## NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION INFORMED CONSENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT 2022

(to be executed by participants under the age of 18)

**WARNING! Please read carefully**  
**By signing this document, you will assume certain risks and responsibilities**

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. This is a binding legal agreement. Clarify any questions or concerns before signing. As a participant in the sport of soccer and the spectating, orientation, instruction, activities, competitions, programs, and services of Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association ("NLSA") and PCSP Minor Soccer Association ("PCSPMSA") (collectively the "Activities"), the undersigned, being the Participant and the Participant's Parent/Guardian (collectively the "Parties"), acknowledge and agree to the terms outlined in this document.

### Disclaimer

2. The NLSA, PCSPMSA and their respective Directors, Officers, committee members, members, employees, coaches, volunteers, officials, participants, agents, sponsors, owners/operators of the facilities in which the Activities take place, and representatives (collectively the "Organization") are not responsible for any injury, property damage, death, expense, loss of income, damage or loss of any kind suffered by the Participant during, or as a result of, the Activities.

**We have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 1 and 2**

### Description and Acknowledgement of Risks

3. The Parties understand and acknowledge that:
  - a) The Activities have foreseeable and unforeseeable inherent risks, hazards and dangers that no amount of care, caution or expertise can eliminate, including without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury, permanent disability, paralysis and loss of life;
  - b) The NLSA and PCSPMSA may offer or promote online programming (such as webinars, remote conferences, workshops, and online training) which have different foreseeable and unforeseeable risks than in-person programming;
  - c) The NLSA and PCSPMSA has a difficult task to ensure safety and it is not infallible. the NLSA and PCSPMSA may be unaware of the Participant's fitness or abilities, may give incomplete warnings or instructions, may misjudge weather or environmental conditions, and the equipment being used might malfunction; and
  - d) The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, and its variants ("COVID-19") have been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization, NLSA and PCSPMSA and recognize that COVID-19 is extremely contagious. The NLSA and PCSPMSA has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the NLSA and PCSPMSA cannot guarantee that the Participant will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, participating in the Activities could increase the Participant's risk of contracting COVID-19.

4. The Participant is participating voluntarily in the Activities. In consideration of that participation, the Parties hereby acknowledge that they are aware of the risks, dangers and hazards and may be exposed to such risks, dangers and hazards. The risks, dangers and hazards include, but are not limited to:
- a) Contracting COVID-19 or any other contagious disease;
  - b) The sport of soccer;
  - c) Privacy breaches, hacking, technology malfunction or damage while interacting with online training;
  - d) Executing strenuous and demanding physical techniques;
  - e) Dryland training including weights, running, bands, and massage;
  - f) Vigorous physical exertion, strenuous cardiovascular workouts and rapid movements;
  - g) Exerting and stretching various muscle groups;
  - h) Physical contact with other participants;
  - i) Failure to act safely or within my own ability or designated areas;
  - j) The failure to properly use any piece of equipment or from the mechanical failure of any piece of equipment;
  - k) Serious injury to virtually all bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons and other aspects of my body or to my general health and well-being;
  - l) Dental injuries, including, but not limited to broken teeth, loss of teeth etc.
  - m) Abrasions, sprains, strains, fractures, or dislocations;
  - n) Concussion or other head injuries, including but not limited to, closed head injury or blunt head trauma;
  - o) Spinal cord injuries which may render me permanently paralyzed;
  - p) Negligence of other persons, including other spectators or, participants, or employees; and
  - q) Travel to and from competitive events and associated non-competitive events which are an integral part of the Activities.
- We have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 3 and 4**

#### **Terms**

5. In consideration of the NLSA and PCSPMSA allowing the Participant to participate in the Activities, the Parties agree:
- a) That when the Participant practices or trains in their own space, the Parties are responsible for the Participant's surroundings and the location and equipment that is selected for the Participant;
  - b) That the Participant's mental and physical condition is appropriate to participate in the Activities and the Parties assume all risks related to the Participant's mental and physical condition;
  - c) To comply with the rules and regulations for participation in the Activities;
  - d) To comply with the rules of the facility or equipment;
  - e) That if the Participant observes an unusual significant hazard or risk, the Participant will remove themselves from participation and bring their observations to a representative of the NLSA/PCSPMSA and immediately;
  - f) The risks associated with the Activities are increased when the Participant is impaired and the Participant with PCSPMSA will not participate if impaired in any way;
  - g) That it is their sole responsibility to assess whether any Activities are too difficult for the Participant. By the Participant commencing an Activity, they acknowledge and accept the suitability and conditions of the Activity;
  - h) That COVID-19 is contagious in nature and the Participant may be exposed to, or infected by, COVID-19 and such exposure may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, or death;
  - i) That anyone with underlying health conditions are at more risk of the negative implications/effects of COVID-19 than those without; and
  - j) That they are responsible for the choice of the Participant's safety or protective equipment and the secure fitting of that equipment.
6. In consideration of the NLSA and PCSPMSA allowing the Participant to participate, the Parties agree:
- a) That the Parties are not relying on any oral or written statements made by the NLSA and PCSPMSA Minor Soccer or their agents, whether in brochure or advertisement or in individual conversations, to agree to participate in the Activities;
  - b) That the NLSA and PCSPMSA is not responsible or liable for any damage to the Participant's vehicle, property, or equipment that may occur as a result of the Activities; and
  - c) That this Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law of the Province of Newfoundland and if any portion thereof is held invalid, the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full

legal force and effect.

Jurisdiction

7. The Parties agree that in the event that they file a lawsuit against the NLSA and PCSPMSA, they agree to do so solely in the Province of Newfoundland and they further agree that the substantive law of the Province of Newfoundland will apply without regard to conflict of law rules.

**We have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 5-7**

**Acknowledgement**

8. The Parties acknowledge that they have read this agreement and understand it, that they have executed this agreement voluntarily, and that this Agreement is to be binding upon themselves, their heirs, their spouses, parents, guardians, next of kin, executors, administrators and legal or personal representatives.

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Name of Participant (print)

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Signature of Participant

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Date of Birth

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Name of Parent or Guardian (print)

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Signature of Parent or Guardian

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Date