SPORTSMANSHIP CONTRACT FOR PLAYERS & PARENTS

League_____ **Team** _____

All players and respective parents/guardians must sign this sportsmanship contact to be eligible to participate in our T-Ball & 3 Pitch leagues. Contracts are to be handed in at the team's photo appointment or prior. The team photo will not be taken until signed contracts have been received. Blastball teams are encouraged to meet with the parents and players and go over the contract as it is being used now by just about every sports organization – why not start now?

For Players:

- I will play by the rules and in the spirit of the game.
- I will control my temper and not "mouth off".
- I will respect my opponents.
- I will do my best to be a true team player.
- I will remember that winning isn't everything. Having fun, improving my skills, making friends and doing my best are just as important – if not even more so..
- I will acknowledge all good plays & performances – both those of my team and my opponents.
- I will participate because I want to, not just because my parents or coaches want me to.
- I will remember that the coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.

For Parents and/or Guardians

(Note: All references to "my child" refer to all other players as well.)

- I will remember that my child is playing for his/her own enjoyment, not for mine.
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game (or event).
- I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or being part of a team that loses.
- I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good plays by both teams.
- I will not force my child to participate in this – or any other – sport.
- I will never abuse any of the officials nor question their judgment or honesty.
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
- I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteers who are coaching, and helping coach, both my child's team and the opposing team. I know they are giving their time to make this possible.
- I will abide by the Organization's policies, e.g. Good sportsmanship, zero abuse, and Tobacco Free, and league rules.
- I will totally respect the Sportsmanship Supervisor personnel who are empowered to enforce good sportsmanship behavior and the Optimist Club's Policies including "Tobacco Free" and will abide by their decisions.
- I understand fully that I have a major responsibility to be part of my child's development and a positive influence on others.

Player	Parent		Player	Parent