



DEPARTMENT OF  
RECREATION AND PARKS

## **Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2020, Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. (the “Governor”) of Maryland proclaimed a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the State of Maryland (the “State”); and

**WHEREAS**, on May 6, 2020, the Governor issued an Executive Order permitting political subdivisions to open certain outdoor public spaces to the general public (such as parks, sports fields and courts, beaches, dog parks, and playgrounds), subject to certain restrictions; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 13, 2020, the Governor issued an Executive Order further expanding the ability of political subdivisions to permit team sports activities; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 27, 2020, the Governor issued an Executive Order further expanding the ability of political subdivisions to permit team sports activities by allowing for outdoor youth team sports; and

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks (the “Department”) has created new protocols and put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Department cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending any program may increase your child(ren)s risk of contracting COVID-19.

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I hereby confirm that the Participant does not have an elevated temperature or otherwise exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19, is in good health and able to participate in the Recreation/Nature Council Program.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and knowingly and voluntarily assume the risks that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to, or infected by COVID-19 by attending the Recreation/Nature Council Program, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risks of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the Recreation/Nature Council Program

may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, Baltimore County, Maryland or Recreation/Nature Council employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

I knowingly and voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death, illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)s attendance at the Recreation/Nature Council Program. On my behalf, and on behalf of my child(ren)s, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless Baltimore County, Maryland, the Recreation/Nature Council, and their respective elected/appointed officials, employees, agents, representatives, successors and assigns of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this 2 release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of Baltimore County, Maryland, the Recreation/Nature Council, and their respective elected/appointed officials, employees, agents, representatives, successors and assigns after participation in any Recreation/Nature Council Program.

**I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE AND WAIVER OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW**

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Print Name of Participant (s)

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Print Name of Parent/Guardian of Participant(s)

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Signature of Parent/Guardian of Participant(s) Date

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Name of Recreation/Nature Council and Program

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