



***FIRST FRIENDS SPORTS MINISTRY
Commitment to League Rules***

It is the understanding of those in leadership that there are a variety of formats and rulebooks from which the organization of a league derives. Our leadership team at First Friends Sports has spent many hours building on the 50-year athletic heritage of our program and examining new developments in the field of athletics to create what we feel to be the most effective rulebook for each league. However, we also recognize that there will be coaches in our league who may have a slightly different philosophy than that of the rules represented in our league rulebook. While differing opinions can lead to discussions that are fruitful and beneficial in creating the finest youth sports experience in the area, if handled improperly, they can become divisive and crippling. For these reasons, we request that our coaches adhere to the following policy.

- Though a coach may have a different opinion on certain rules outlined in our rulebook, our coaches commit to following those rules during their time of participation in our league.
- When a parent asks about a rule or policy set forth by the league, coaches will reply with, "the stance of the league is... Should you have any questions, need for clarifications or concerns, please contact the league director or sports pastor directly. Coaches will not represent their own opinions in a manner that discounts/contradicts or causes others to discount/contradict the rules of the leagues during the season.
- First Friends Sports is committed to hearing your opinions/concerns when it comes to our rulebook and actually sees this as an opportunity to better the quality of our league and program. There will be a number of venues to communicate these opinions/concerns, both before and after the season. These venues include e-mails to league director, phone calls to sports pastor, parent/coach evaluation cards, post-season meetings, etc. These are what our leadership consider appropriate venues to communicate opinions/concerns. Coaches will commit to refrain from holding any formal meeting or conversation to discuss these concerns with any coach(es) or parent(s) during the season.

I, _____ have reviewed the rulebook and understand its stipulations and policies, and commit to upholding and supporting this rulebook during the season.

By signing this document, you are agreeing to uphold the aforementioned stipulations of the First Friends Sports Commitment to League Rules

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____