

WASHINGTON YOUTH SOCCER

**ATTENTION: 11U AND YOUNGER ATHLETES
ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER, AND RELEASE FOR
PARTICIPATION IN OLDER AGE GROUPS**

NOTICE: US Youth Soccer (“USYS”) and Washington Youth Soccer (“WYS”) modifications to the FIFA Laws of the Game (“Modified Rules”) concerning participation in soccer activities dictate that “heading” the ball is prohibited for athletes age eleven (11) and younger. “Heading” is a technique used to control the ball with the head as a clearance, pass, or a shot and is generally referred to as a “header.”

ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER, AND RELEASE FOR PARTICIPATION IN OLDER AGE GROUP ACTIVITIES: We the undersigned parent(s)/legal guardian(s) on behalf of our minor athlete listed below, do hereby acknowledge and agree to the participation in soccer activities in an age group older than 11U, and we acknowledge and agree that USYS and WYS rules dictate that soccer participants age 11 and younger are prohibited from “heading” the soccer ball. We are aware and understand that participation in soccer activities (including but not limited to, games, practices, trainings, and tournaments) in older age groups involves risk of personal injury, both minor and serious, and we hereby agree to assume any and all risks associated with our athlete’s participation in soccer activities in older age groups. We further understand, are aware, and acknowledge that given the age of our athlete, “heading” the ball is prohibited and we agree to assume any risk involved with our athlete’s participation in an older age group activity where USYS and WYS rules do not prohibit “heading.”

Athlete’s Name	Athlete’s Age	Parent’s Name(s)	Parent’s Signature	Date