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**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Greensburg YMCA Youth Sports Athletes,

This letter serves many purposes, but most importantly I would like to thank you for enrolling your child in our Youth Basketball Program. My goal as the Senior Program Director is to make a difference in every child that comes through our sports programs by providing a program that has a lasting, enjoyable memory. The other purpose of this letter is to inform you of some of our policies related to this program which are explained below.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Responsibilities:

Parents will be responsible for signing their child out of practice. Please see your coach before you leave and sign out on his/her clipboard. We encourage parents/guardians to stay and either participate or observe practices. If someone other than you will be picking up your child, the coach must be notified via permission note. We also ask parents to assist with coaching if they have familiarity with the sport. Many teams will request drink/snack volunteers for after the game. It is helpful if everyone contributes!

Cancellation Policy:

All practices will occur as planned unless the YMCA or a coach contacts you. In the event of inclement weather please contact the YMCA at (724) 834-0150 and ask the front desk staff if practices or games are still on as scheduled. The decision to cancel practice will be decided upon by 2:00PM that day. Please provide your email address on the registration form. This will be a main form of contact. We also encourage that you register for Remind, which is the texting alert system used to communicate with parents/guardians for game day cancellations. Instructions are attached.

Practice and Game Schedules:

Practice days and times will be determined by the coach of your team. Practice days and time will not vary from week to week. Games will be held on Saturdays. Practice times will be determined after the coaches meeting is held. If you have any special requests for a coach, practice time, or night of practice please note them on your registration form. You will hear from a coach with more information regarding practice times after that meeting. Please note on your registration form if you would like to practice at one of our Unity Township Locations.

Refund Policy:

Our refund policy allows a full refund if you ask for a refund prior to the start of the league and a 75% refund after the first week. Any refund requests after that point will not be processed.

Communication Policy:

Our communication policy is one that emphasizes the chain of command. If you have questions regarding your child's participation, improvement, etc. please contact me, Drake D'Angelo d.dangelo@gbgymca.org; email is the best means of communication.

Volunteers:

In order to make this program successful we need every parent to volunteer in some way. Volunteer opportunities include assisting with coaching during practices. We are also blessed to have wonderful volunteers from the local community as well, helping coach your young athletes. Volunteers are required to fill out our volunteer packet and have their updated required clearances (child abuse and PA state police), which are free to volunteers.

Our goal is to always communicate to our participants and members well in advance of any changes to our programs.

Again, thank you for enrolling your child in our sports program. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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