



## Pinellas Park Thunderbirds - Parent Contract

### **Parent Participation Rules**

#### **Our league is completely volunteer driven, we need your help!**

Parents are required to volunteer a minimum of 2 practice nights, and 1 game day per child. Volunteers are needed at concession/spirit booth/gate entrance/chains/etc. We appreciate and encourage volunteers to help more than their required hours. Once the season begins, the Head Team Parents for Football and Cheer will work with each team on a volunteer schedule.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)** YES, I will actively participate and completing my required volunteer time in T-Bird Concession, Spirit Booth, Gate Entrance, or any other required volunteer position.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)** YES, I will do my part to help keep our facility clean, participate and support all team/league fundraisers.

### **General Rules**

Pinellas Park Thunderbird's mission is to provide children with a wholesome atmosphere in which to engage in healthy athletic competition. Due to the high emotion associated with our events, it is necessary that we express specific guidelines regarding what we expect from our parents and children. Please understand that while we encourage cheering, and excitement, you must be careful not to express your emotions in a negative manner.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)** You understand that any problems away from the field could affect the team at the field.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)** We will not tolerate any behavior on the playing field, in the stands, or anywhere at our complex which would interfere with the spirit of sportsmanship associated with Youth Football and Cheerleading.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)** Abusive language and/or profanity, as well as aggressive or threatening behavior directed at or near players, coaches, board members and/or referees will not be tolerated.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)** Attire deemed inappropriate for a youth sporting event will not be tolerated.



\_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)** You are responsible for bringing all assigned items to games (i.e. uniforms, cleats, mouthpiece, helmet, chinstrap, shoulder pads, hair tie/cheer bow, cheer shoes, cheer bag, etc.) It is the parent's responsibility to purchase another set if these items are lost.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)** You are responsible for bringing your athlete and making sure they are on time to and from practices, games, and competitions.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)** You understand that for the safety of all T-Bird athletes, only Badged, Board Members and FL Elite background checked individuals may be on the field during practice and game times.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)** You agree to have your athlete attend every practice and game, unless your child is sick and communicate with the head coach or team parent prior to start of practice.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)** Alcohol is not permitted at **any** FL Elite or T-Bird related event, games, practices, meetings, or events, etc. This includes all fields, parking lots, complexes, and venues. (i.e. team parties, homecoming dance, competitions)

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)** **Smoking is prohibited** within 100 ft. of all playing fields, batting cages, concession on the athletic field or practice areas. (Smoking must be directed to the appropriate area beyond the parking lot) – per City of Pinellas Park)

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)** Repeated offenses may result in expulsion and/or non-renewal from the league.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)** You are to direct any problems or concerns regarding your team to the Coaches & Coordinators. You are at no time to stop a coach in the middle of practice or a game to discuss an issue. Discussions are to be held before practice or after practice and away from the children.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)** You agree to be supportive and respectful to all teams and the coaches who instruct them. Yelling, using profane or inappropriate language and/or bad mouthing will not be tolerated. You will be asked to leave should this occur.

### **Social Media Rules**

With all the children participating in Facebook and other social media, we ask that you act in a mature manner. The way to address issues within the organization or any team is by reporting up through the proper channels and grievance process – not via the internet.



Any board member, coach, parent, or child found creating issues for the league or their team via social media may be removed from the team. Facebook and other social media should be used as a fun, friendly way to keep in touch and not to cause hardship within the league, a team, or on any one individual.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)** Yes, I will act in a mature manner, and not create issues for any T-Bird team or the T-Bird organization on social media.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)** You understand and agree that your athlete's photograph may be used in a flier, yearbook, or on the official T-Bird website/Facebook/YouTube/Instagram/Tiktok/other social media. Further, that you agree not to post any videos of cheer routines on social media (Facebook, YouTube, Tiktok, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.) until the end of season when all competitions are over.

## **Cheer Rules**

Please complete section **ONLY** if your athlete is a cheerleader.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)** You understand that this is a big commitment and that this will be priority over any other activity.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)** You understand and give permission for your athlete to be checked for jewelry, belly rings, and tongue rings. These items are not allowed while your athlete is at practice, games, or competitions.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)** You agree **NOT** to let your athlete wear acrylic nails, nail polish, and temporary tattoos at any time during the season. Further, there is to be no glitter, face paint, shimmery/glittery make up while in uniform.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)** You understand that as competitions get closer the amount of practices will increase. Every practice should be considered mandatory.

*\*Failure to comply with any of these rules will result in you being asked to leave the event, potential suspension to return to any FL Elite games, and possible forfeiture of a game*

## **Refund Policy**

In order to request a refund, please contact the Registrar, Athletic Director or Cheer Coordinator. Barring any unusual and unforeseen circumstances, refunds will be determined as follows:



**Registration Packages**- Will be refunded before July 1, 2024, less the \$100 registration fee.

**\*\*\*NO REFUNDS after July 1, 2024.\*\*\***

As Parent/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to the General Rules, Parent Participation Rules, Social Media Rules, Cheer Rules (if applicable and Refund Policy and agree to abide by them.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**THANK-YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT!!**

