

Louetta Automotive Sports Complex (*Soren Structures, LLC*)

Assumption of Risk ** Waiver of Liability ** Indemnification Agreement

The Louetta Automotive Sports Complex (*Soren Structures, LLC*) (hereafter referred to as “**Soren**”) is a multi-purpose sports and recreation center that provides an extraordinary menu of sports and activities for participants and spectators of all ages. Some of the activities offered for persons to participate or watch include instruction, leagues, tournaments, and facility rental for such sports as basketball, volleyball, futsal, and pickleball. Events for children include activities such as parent/child classes, summer camps, birthday parties, and field trips. Adult events include corporate outings, team building, and company picnics. Some of the many **benefits of SOREN activities** include improved fitness, opportunity to compete and excel, improved self-confidence, better health, wholesome recreation, and social interaction. The required physical exertion ranges from mild to very strenuous, depending upon the activity and the motivation of the participant; the required skill level ranges from beginner to highly skilled, depending upon the activity; and the competitiveness of the activity ranges from moderate to highly competitive. Therefore, the individual is able to select activities that fit his or her needs, abilities, and interests. Most fitness, skill, and competition levels can be accommodated (all activities engaged in, either as participant or spectator, are referred to herein as “**Soren Activities**,” and any person engaging in or watching a **Soren Activity** is herein referred to as a “Participant”).

While the many benefits of these activities are apparent, **SOREN and its staff regard Participant safety as a top priority** and feel it is important that the **PARTICIPANT/PARENT** (which refers to either an Adult Participant OR a Minor¹ Participant and Parents/Guardians) understand that there are risks inherent in all physical activity. **SOREN** takes great care to reduce the risks associated with the many physical activities offered at the facility. Among the precautions taken are the postings of various league and safety rules and warnings, making available basic first aid materials on site, and if arranged by an event sponsor or host, making available trained supervisors and trained referees (Soren does not make trained supervisors and referees available on site as a matter of course; these must be scheduled with Soren by the sponsor or host).

Regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries, *some risks are inherent in any physical activity and cannot be totally eliminated without changing the nature of the activity.* A few examples of the many **inherent risks** include, but are not limited to, heat related illnesses; over-exertion; imperfect playing surfaces; failure to adhere to posted rules or warnings (Note: Coaches or supervisors are present for certain activities, but the Participant/Parent should have no expectation of supervision over an area or activity unless directly specified otherwise); collisions with objects or co-participants; falls to the playing surface; unexpected equipment failure or malfunction (e.g. gym curtains); careless or erratic acts by co-participants; errors in judgment/supervision of supervisors, other employees, or officials; and being struck by an object (e.g., ball). There are also inherent risks that are specific to a sport – such as being kicked in futsal; being struck by a ball in volleyball; and body contact by a basketball player. There are even risks at a child’s birthday party such as children running into others, swinging objects carelessly, playing in a reckless manner, and not following the rules. Likewise, in camps or team building activities, injuries can occur due to enthusiasm of participants or striving to win or achieve a goal.

It is important that the PARTICIPANT/PARENT understand that three types of injuries can occur. *Minor injuries* are the most common and include, but are not limited to, muscle soreness, headaches, sprains, abrasions, and bruises. *Serious injuries* are less common, but do occur occasionally. They include, but are not limited to, broken bones, concussions, torn ligaments or cartilage, eye injuries, cuts, and internal injuries. *Catastrophic injuries* are very rare; but **SOREN** feels that every **PARTICIPANT/PARENT** should be aware of the slight possibility. These injuries include permanent disability, brain injury, paralysis and even death.

Assumption of Inherent Risks: I, the **PARTICIPANT/PARENT**, understand that all **Soren Activities** include inherent risks that cannot be totally eliminated regardless of the care taken by **SOREN**. I, the **PARTICIPANT/PARENT**, have read the preceding paragraphs and 1) know, 2) understand, and 3) appreciate the types of injuries inherent in **Soren Activities**. I, the **PARTICIPANT/PARENT**, **hereby assert that participation is voluntary and I knowingly assume all inherent risks of the activity**, today and on all future dates.

Waiver of Liability for Ordinary Negligence of SOREN: In consideration of permission to use the property, facilities, equipment, and services of **SOREN**, today and on all future dates, I, the **PARTICIPANT/PARENT**, on behalf of myself, my spouse, heirs, executors, administrators, personal or legal representatives, and assigns (hereafter referred to as the *Releasing Parties*) **do hereby waive, release, discharge and covenant not to sue SOREN** [including Soren Structures, LLC (Louetta Automotive Sports Complex), all owners, directors, officers, managers, employees, volunteers, independent contractors, agents and equipment suppliers - hereafter referred to as the *Protected Parties*] **from liability from any and all claims, demands, and actions of every name and nature arising from the ordinary negligence of the Protected Parties.**

This agreement applies to 1) personal injury (including death) from incidents or illnesses arising from participation in **Soren Activities** including, but not limited to: recreational, practice, or competitive activity; events; organized or individual training and conditioning activities; individual or group instruction; as an observer or spectator; and individual use of all facilities.

¹ A “minor” under Texas law means any person 17 years of age or younger. Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code 129.001.

This applies to all facilities, fields, equipment, and all other premises including the associated sidewalks and parking lots and to 2) any and all claims resulting from the damage to, loss of, or theft of property.

Indemnification: I, the PARTICIPANT/PARENT, also agree, today and on all future dates, to hold harmless, defend, and indemnify SOREN (that is, defend and pay any judgment and costs, including investigation costs, attorney’s fees, and related expenses) from any and all claims of Releasing Parties arising from participation in **Soren Activities**, (including those arising from the inherent risks of the activity or the ordinary negligence of Protected Parties).

I, the PARTICIPANT/PARENT, further agree to hold harmless, defend, and indemnify SOREN against any and all claims of co-participants, rescuers, and others arising from the conduct of the participant in **Soren Activities**.

Clarifying Clauses: I, the PARTICIPANT/PARENT confirm that:

- 1) This agreement **supersedes any and all previous oral or written promises or agreements relating to the subject herein**. I understand that this is the entire agreement relating to this subject matter between me and **SOREN** and that it cannot be modified or changed in any way by representations or statements by any agent or employee of **SOREN**.
- 2) The foregoing Assumption of Risk, Waiver of Liability, Indemnification Agreement, is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of Texas and that **if any portion thereof is held invalid**, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.
- 3) If legal action is brought, courts in the County of Harris in the State of Texas have the **sole and exclusive jurisdiction** and that only the substantive laws of the State of Texas shall apply.
- 4) I will engage in good faith efforts to **mediate** any dispute that might arise. Any agreement reached will be formalized by a written contractual agreement at that time. Should the issue not be resolved by mediation, I agree that all disputes, controversies, or claims arising out of participation in **SOREN** shall be submitted to **binding arbitration** in accordance with the applicable rules of the American Arbitration Association then in effect.

Acknowledgements to Promote Participant Safety: Health Status. The Participant affirms that he or she:

- Possesses no health problems or disabilities that would make participation in the selected **Soren Activity** unwise, or risk injury.
- Will cease activity and inform **SOREN** of any health problem that arises during participation.
- Possesses sufficient skills, coordination, and physical fitness to safely participate in the selected **Soren Activity**.

Medical Care. The Participant affirms that he or she:

- Authorizes **SOREN** to secure medical care & transport if deemed necessary; **SOREN** does not staff medical personnel.
- Consents to receive medical treatment that may be deemed advisable in the event of an injury, accident, and/or illness while participating in a **Soren Activity**.
- Agrees to assume all cost of the care and transportation listed above.

Rules and Safety. The participant affirms that he or she agrees:

- To report all injuries (even minor injuries) so that **SOREN** may make a record of the injury.
- To wear all recommended safety gear during participation.
- To follow all rules of the activity at **SOREN**.
- To inform **SOREN** of any conduct or condition that creates a hazard for participants or others – and will immediately discontinue further participation in said activity.
- That **SOREN** has authority to halt my participation if it endangers the participant or others.

License: I Participant/Parent understand that at the selected **Soren Activities**, I may be photographed. I agree to allow photos, videos, or film likenesses to be used for any legitimate purpose by the **Soren Activity** sponsors, hosts, organizers, or by Soren.

Acknowledgment of Understanding: I, the PARTICIPANT/PARENT, **have read and understand this Agreement**. I understand that I am **giving up substantial rights**, including the right of both the participant and the parent or guardian to sue for damages in the event of death, injury or loss. I, the PARTICIPANT/PARENT, acknowledge that I am voluntarily signing this agreement, and **intend my signature to be a complete release of all liability, including that due to inherent risks or the ordinary negligence by the Protected Parties**, to the greatest extent allowed by law of the State of Texas.

I, the Parent, assert that I have explained the risks of the activity to my minor son or daughter and that he or she understands this Agreement.

If Participant is a Minor, Parent/Guardian Must Complete the following:

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| Name of PARTICIPANT (Print) | Date | Print Name of Parent/Guardian #1 | Signature of Parent/Guardian #1 | Date |
| Signature of PARTICIPANT | Age | Print Name of Parent/Guardian #2 | Signature of Parent/Guardian #2 | Date |

Emergency Contact Person _____ **Phone** _____ **Mobile** _____