Grace Evangelical Church Recreational Outreach Ministry

"Building His Kingdom Through Sports"

Parents' Covenant

The purpose of the Recreational Outreach Ministry of Grace Evangelical Church is to build His Kingdom through sports. We do this by providing a Christ-centered environment that fosters a spirit of excellence, fair play and good sportsmanship.

Within the leagues in which we participate, we encourage interaction and fellowship among team members, coaches, parents and churches. As well, we encourage the pursuit of constant improvement for the league, its organizations, teams and participants. We desire to introduce people to Christ and nurture a desire in them to do the same.

With the above in mind, **in my role as a parent**, I will promise, to the best of my ability, to uphold the following:

- I will commit to pray for my child, his teammates and the coaching staff.
- I have read and subscribe to the rules of the season for the league to which we are associated.
- I will play the role of spectator, cheering all good play on both sides, while allowing the coach to administer the game.
- I will encourage and actively pursue my player's submission to the authority of the coach.
- I will teach my player commitment by his/her attendance at practices and understand the coach may use his discretion regarding the effect of unexcused absences on playing time.
- I will hold myself, my player and the coach accountable in a biblical fashion to the mission, values and rules of the league.
- I am committed to contribute to an atmosphere of teamwork, good sportsmanship, fun and fellowship.
- I will abstain from the use of tobacco and alcohol during all practices and will ensure my player does the same.
- I will submit to the authority of the umpires/officials, recreation/site directors and league leadership.
- In being responsible for my actions and those players and spectators associated with me, I understand that there are consequences to myself and, potentially, the team for those actions.
- I will ensure my player is properly registered, including all documentation, and full payment or payment arrangements have been made prior to the beginning of practices. If not, my player may not be allowed to participate until such time.
- I will be responsible for ensuring that my player is not participating on any other team or in any other league during the season for which I am currently registering.

I am committing to uphold the above principles to the best of my abilities.