

Player Development Academy



2009 Player and Parent Handbook

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Introduction

Welcome

You are receiving this booklet because you have been accepted to be a member of a New England Legends Basketball team for the 2009 seasons. We are proud to have you as part of one of the top player development programs in the state. We look forward to the opportunity to develop your basketball skills and knowledge.

Mission Statement

The mission of New England Legends Basketball is to cultivate the basketball experience of young players in New England. We provide players the opportunity to improve as athletes and as people by fostering an identity of excellence. We strive to produce players who can compete at the highest level of basketball competition throughout the state, region and country.

What is the Player Development Academy?

The Player Development Academy is a year round program that is designed to cater to players looking for a high-level technical coaching environment that is geared towards player development. The PDA provides a structured and professional progression for these players to develop the fundamental skills of the game as well as a tactical understanding of how the game can be played.

The PDA provides

- Highest level of coaching and most appropriate training for players aged 9-18 who want premier-level instruction and competition.
- Year round development:
 - One 8 week Spring season with 2 training sessions per week plus five AAU tournaments (approximately 15 games)
 - One 6-8 week Summer Season with 1 summer league game per week.
 - One 6 week Fall season with 2 training sessions per week plus three AAU tournaments (approximately 9 games)
- Evaluation on player development - technical, tactical, physical and psychological.
- A structured, age-appropriate curriculum.
- Focus on the development of the player versus winning games..

Why do we offer the Player Development Academy?

The Player Development Academy is offered to provide a complete player development program for players aged 10-18.

The PDA recognizes that players who participate in town or school basketball programs may want more training and development opportunities than they might be getting from these environments. This program is designed to provide a high level of training geared towards teaching the technical aspects of the game's fundamental skills and developing a keen tactical understanding of how the game is played

We focus on the technical development of the young player in an environment where they are encouraged to think for themselves and where they can take chances and make mistakes without fear of coach reprisal or of team failure.

This does not mean we are non-competitive. We do play to win, but we believe that the game is a great teacher and place our teams at levels of competition to maximize player development not necessarily to maximize team success. That does not mean, however, that we will not win our fair share of games. We strive for a balance, particularly at the younger ages where the competition can vary widely.

What do players gain from the Player Development Academy Program?

The primary goal of the Player Development Academy is to teach the players within it how to play the game of basketball at a high level. All of our players will be taught how to properly pass, dribble and shoot a basketball as well other fundamental skills such as rebounding and playing defense. In addition to developing these core fundamental skills, our players will be taught how to read game situations and react accordingly so that they develop what is known as a high basketball IQ. We believe that players with a high basketball IQ are not limited by physical deficiencies and can play within just about any coaches system because they understand the game and are versatile. This typically makes our players desirable to coaches at other levels.

Our commitment to our players -

Player development is our priority. All of the coaches in the program are more focused on their player's success rather than team or personal success. These individuals have all tasted personal athletic success and are involved because they want to give back to the game.

PDA Program Details and Fees

Players are accepted into the Player Development Academy Program for a one year period which includes 3 sessions, Spring, Summer and Fall. Players receiving this handbook have been accepted for the 2009 season and have a commitment, barring extenuating circumstances, from The New England Legends to be a PDA player through the Fall of 2009.

Spring 2009

The spring season will begin for all teams in early March 2009 and will run for 8 weeks excluding April vacation – i.e. there will be no practice the weekend immediately before April vacation starts or immediately after it ends. During that time frame the team will practice twice (2) a week and will participate in five (5) weekend AAU tournaments.

- **Unless you have paid full year fees, please note all spring fees are due within 48 hours of being notified of acceptance on to the team or by March 1st, which ever occurs later.**

Summer 2009

The summer season will begin on or around the beginning of July depending upon when the particular summer league the team is participating in begins. The summer season will run for approximately 6-8 weeks depending upon the length of the summer league schedule. The team will only play games during the summer league season and will not practice.

- **Unless you have paid full year fees, please note all summer fees are due within 48 hours of being notified of acceptance on to the team or by June 15th, which ever occurs later.**

Fall 2009

The fall season will begin for all teams in early September 2009 and will run for 6 weeks. During that time frame the team will practice twice (2) a week and will participate in three (3) weekend AAU tournaments.

- **Unless you have paid full year fees, please note all spring fees are due within 48 hours of being notified of acceptance on to the team or by September 1st, which ever occurs later.**

Equipment

In the spring, all players will receive one uniform kit consisting of the following:

- (1) Reversible Uniform Jersey
- (1) Matching Uniform Short
- (1) Shooting Shirt
- (1) Tear Away Warm Up Pant
- (1) Reversible Practice Shirt

No additional gear will be provided for the remainder of the year. Any players who misplace gear will be asked to purchase new gear at retail prices.

2009 Fee Schedule

The fee to participate on a New England Legends team includes the coach's stipend, gym rental expenses, tournament entrance fees, and a share of the costs associated with running the club. This fee does not include any costs associated with travel.

While participation in more than one season a year is encouraged, it is not mandatory. The payment of participation fees is only required for the season(s) a player is involved in. Fees are due and payable upon registering for a season.

Team Fees

Spring AAU Season

Number of Weeks:	8
Number of Practices Per Week:	2
Number of Tournaments:	5
Season Fee:	\$500

Summer League Season

Number of Weeks:	8
Number of Practices Per Week:	0
Number of Games Per Week:	1
Season Fee:	\$100

Fall AAU Season

Number of Weeks:	6
Number of Practices Per Week:	2
Number of Tournaments:	3
Season Fee:	\$350

Additional Player Fees

Uniform Kit

Reversible Uniform, Practice Jersey, Tear Away Warm-Up Pants, Shooting Shirt	\$125
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AAU Membership Fee

Paid individually directly to the AAU National organization.	\$12
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* Teams may agree to extend a season by entering additional tournaments or holding extra practices. The costs associated with these decisions will be passed through to the active players on the roster.

* Each team will have one (1) team manager who will be responsible for coordinating all of the team and volunteer activities. This manager will be paid a stipend for performing these duties.

Payment due Dates

- Spring Fees due – ***March 1 or upon acceptance***
- Summer Fees due – ***June 15***
- Fall Fees due – ***September 1***

*All spring fees are due within 48 hours of being notified of acceptance on to the team or by March 1st, which ever occurs later.

* Note that all Player Development Academy fees are non-refundable

PDA Roles & Responsibilities

The New England Legends Contact Information

- Director – Paul Heinsohn – paulheinsohn@nelegendsbasketball.com Cell: 508 740-2660
- Coach – Tom Cavanaugh - tgmc50@hotmail.com
- Coach – Katie Robinson - Kathleen.Robertson@Staples.com
- Assistant Coach – Pat Curran – pcurran@pssd.com
- Assistant Coach – Matt Dicalogero - mjdicalogero@yahoo.com

Director

This position requires excellent management skills and a high level of problem solving techniques. It is important to have the vision to expand current programs and maintain existing ones. The “Director” must set the tone for the basketball program. This requires participation in the following tasks:

- Attending team practices and games
- Interacting with league and tournament officials
- Accounting for overall funds raised
- Conducting parent and coach’s meetings
- Conducting a parent meeting to discuss club rules and philosophy
- Obtaining a signed agreement with each coach
- Developing educational forums (i.e., Coach’s Clinic, Player’s Clinic)
- Ordering equipment, uniform, and other basketball related items
- Evaluating coaches
- Receiving feedback from Club Administrator and Team Managers
- Planning, organizing and implementing
- Coordinating fund raising events
- Addressing security and emergency situations

It is important to be an effective listener in order to address the concerns of others while consistently administering the policy fairly.

Club Administrator

This position requires excellent organizational skills. It is important to have excellent communication skills and have the ability to develop corporate and community partnerships. The Club Administrator must establish a leadership presence during all planned programs. This requires participation in the following tasks:

- Organizing meetings with Team Managers to distribute program information
- Overseeing registration of players with the Regional and National officials for all leagues and tournaments
- Enforcing the Club Rules
- Ensuring that coaches are compliant with league and tournament requirements
- Coordinating practice times for each team with the coaching staff
- Assisting the coaches with the organization of fundraisers
- Accounting for funds raised
- Attend coaches meetings, as required, with Team Managers
- Addressing parent concerns via telephone and/or face to face meetings to be reported to the Director
- Attending most tournament games and playoff games, etc.
- Addressing security and emergency situations

It is important to be non-biased and responsive to all situations.

Coaches Responsibilities

In addition to possessing a highly technical understanding of the game of basketball, this position requires excellent leadership and communication skills, particularly with children and young adults.

- Arranging & setting up practice schedule for team (see Club Administrator)
- Obtaining equipment from Club Director (balls, whistle, score book, etc.)
- Establishing team roster of NO MORE than 15 players
- Provide all players and parents with a practice schedule and your contact information
- Identify and oversee a Team Manager (parent)
 - Ensure that player birth certificates are collected and properly filed
 - Ensuring that all required waiver forms are signed and properly filed
 - Ensuring that Team Roster Form is accurate and up to date
 - Ensure that tournament applications are properly submitted
- Preparing daily Training Plans for practices
- Beginning your practice by performing the following steps daily:
 - Start practice on time by conducting a team meeting (discuss daily objectives [5-10 minutes])
 - Take attendance and keep a daily log
 - Conduct group warm-up exercise and stretching
 - Ensure no loose balls or sideline activities during formal practice sessions unless a drill is planned
 - Execute your practice plan (TEACH, TRAIN, AND PREPARE)
 - Make sure all players have a ride home (Do not leave until all players are picked up)
 - Meet with parents as needed in private (never discuss personal issues in open forum)
- Coach team during games
- Report all issues and concerns to the Club Director

Assistant Coaches Responsibilities

- Assist with preparing daily Training Plans for practices
- Assist with training
 - Execute the daily practice plan (TEACH, TRAIN, AND PREPARE)
 - Make sure all players have a ride home (Do not leave until all players are picked up)
 - Meet with parents as needed in private (never discuss personal issues in open forum)
- Assist with coaching team during games
 - Keep game stats
 - Bench control
- Report all issues and concerns to the Club Director

Team Manager Responsibilities

This position requires excellent organizational skills and a high level of problem solving techniques. It is important to have excellent communication skills, be innovative and discipline. The Team Manager must establish a leadership presence during all planned programs. The Team Manager will work with the coach and to provide logistical support for equipment and team equipment. This requires participation in the following tasks:

- Maintaining an accurate and up to date contact list of players and their parent's
- Maintaining an accurate and up to date team roster
 - Collect and properly file player birth certificates
 - Photocopy and properly file player AAU card
 - Ensure that all required waiver forms are signed and properly filed
- Submitting applications for admission to AAU tournaments
 - Completing application
 - Processing application fee check (see Club Administrator)
 - Maintaining any required correspondence with tournament sponsors
- Managing team schedule
 - Notify team of any practice or game changes
- Checking the team in at tournaments
 - Keeping coaches and players aware of schedule changes
- Organizing snacks and refreshments for games
- Organizing game volunteers
 - Score book
 - Game stats
 - Working with the coaches to organize travel arrangements for team as necessary
- Collecting and submitting funds raised to Club Administrator as necessary
- Assisting coaches in other capacities, as required

It is important to be non-biased and responsive to all situations.

Parents Responsibility

- Register your child with the club
 - Submit a copy of your child's birth certificate
 - Submit a copy of your child's AAU card
- Pay all necessary fees associated with club
- Obtain practice and game schedule from the team's manager
- Have your child to practice on time, preferably 15 minutes early
- Ensure that your child has proper practice attire (basketball sneakers, ankle braces, shorts, etc.)
- Provide transportation or formulate carpools for tournaments and games
- Manage your child's time (i.e., homework, meals, activities, etc.) so that basketball can fit in it
 - Provide adequate nutrition and rest
- Learn the game rules
- Follow "No Interruptions During Practice Rule"(If this becomes a problem we will hold close practices)
- Provide positive support to your child and team
 - Never talk in a negative way about another player
- Attend all Coaches/Parent meetings
- Address concerns & Issues to Club Director

Player's Responsibilities

- Be at practice on-time, preferably 15 minutes early
- Practice jerseys are to be worn at every practice (NO EXCEPTIONS)
- Bring a gym bag to every practice and game, items to include are:
 - Practice shoes
 - Socks
 - Change of clothes
 - Towel
 - Medicines
 - Water bottle (for practices and game day)
- Give 100% effort everyday
 - Sprint to every drill
 - Perform every drill at full speed and rest in between reps, not during
 - Play hard and at full speed
- Work to understand what is being taught and improve
 - Listen while Coach is talking and ask questions when confused (FOCUS on Learning)
 - Push yourself to perform the things you are learning, don't just keep repeating improper technique or bad habits
 - Study your teammates while they performing drills, learn from them
 - Practice on your own as often as possible and work on your weaknesses
 - Study the game of basketball through reading, instructional videos and watching college and professional games
- Don't be a distraction
 - No bouncing of balls while Coach is talking
 - No horse play and no foul language
- Be a good team mate
 - Don't put yourself or your game above the team
 - Don't criticize or bully a team member
- Know the game and team rules
- Call or text the Coach as soon as possible for an excused practice
- Be respectful to family, school officials and all persons associated with The New England Legends Player Development Academy
- Manage your time wisely (homework, dinner, chores, etc.) so that basketball can fit in your life.

Code of Conduct

For Players

- Always conduct yourself with respect.
- Always respect other people and property – you are an ambassador for the club at all times.
- ***Maximum effort is a minimum requirement*** – always take pride in your performance, even at training.
- Attend all training sessions and games punctually.
- Pay complete attention to the coaching staff.
- Always wear the appropriate training gear.
- Always warm-up and warm-down before and after training and matches.
- Always help with equipment during practice. You should not need to be asked.
- Always get a good night's sleep prior to any games.
- Learn the rules of the game.
- Be appreciative of your parent's support.
- Have a good attitude, both on and off the field.

Tournament Conduct

- Be proud of your appearance on the court. Make sure your uniforms are tucked in and sneakers are properly laced before each training session and game.
- Always show good sportsmanship.
- Accept any decision given by the referee.
- Never retaliate, verbally or physically, no matter what the provocation may be.
- Always apply correct dress code when traveling. Never wear anything that may be construed as insulting or provocative.

For Parents

- Refrain from coaching from the sidelines. Do not shout at any players. Leave the coaching to the coaches.
- Keep the winning of games in perspective. Player development is the most important thing. Encourage and support players. Do not place an unwarranted amount of pressure on the players, including post-game discussions.
- Ensure that players attend training and games regularly and on time.
- Give adequate notice for all absences from training and games. Be honest in all dealings with coaching staff.
- Attend all pre-arranged parent's meetings.
- Keep the coach fully informed of any injuries or matters that may affect performance.
- Advocate a healthy lifestyle that is appropriate to development.

Note: Parents wishing to speak to coaches about any issue relating to their child should e-mail in advance with a view to speaking to the coach at practice. Please refrain from addressing the coaches on the day of a game.

Coaches Code of Ethics Pledge - © National Alliance for Youth Sports

- I hereby pledge to live up to my certification as a AAU Coach by following the NYSCA Coaches' Code of Ethics
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I will promise to review and practice basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.

Parent Code of Ethics - © National Alliance for Youth Sports

- I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics:
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports event.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach upholds the Coaches' Code of Ethics.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that the game is for youth - not adults.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- I will help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.

Policies and Procedures

Practice Rules

Enforce these rules with players

1. No tardiness
2. No conversations while coach is talking
3. No sitting unless instructed
4. No horse play
5. No walking to each drill
6. No foul language
7. No unexcused breaks
8. No unexcused absences
9. No fighting
10. Tuck in shirt and no wearing gym shorts off your hips
11. Sneakers must be laced up at all times

The basketball court/gym during practices is for the team ONLY – no siblings or friends are allowed on the court or for that matter in the gym. Permits and the liability insurance the club holds through AAU is only for the registered members and not their siblings or friends.

Parents will be allowed to watch practices, but please no communication with your child while practice is on – let the coaches coach. If this becomes a concern to the coach(es), e.g, parents yelling from the side of the gym and distracting players, parents will be asked to leave the gym. Remember be seen and not be heard, or better yet – use the practice time to run an errand, catch up on things outside the gym. Coaches will always make sure that there are at least three adults (among the coaches and team manager) in the gym to deal with any player injuries or issues.

Attendance

ATTENDANCE AT PRACTICE AND SCRIMMAGES IS VERY IMPORTANT! Teams practice 3 to 4 times more than the amount of playing time that occurs during your typical game. If missing practices becomes an issue, playing time will be impacted per the decision of the coach. Only illness, a family emergency, or a school function will be considered an excused absence, if communicated a reasonable time (at least 2 or 3 hours) prior to the practice, scrimmage, or game, to the coach or team manager. Arrive at games and be ready (shoes and uniform on) at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. Always bring all uniforms to each game.

Playing Time

Playing time is always a difficult and delicate issue when it comes to competitive sports. To ensure, that everyone clearly understands the process, we have listed the different criteria used by the coaching staff to determine playing time.

Acknowledging that practice time is essential to playing time in a game along with a positive attitude

- Following coaching instructions in practice, translates to how a player will perform in a game situation
- Understanding that “Teamwork” is key and essential for the success of a team
- Understanding the role and position you have been assigned
- Supporting your teammates, at all times
- Placing the "Team First", before your individual goals
- Working hard at all times, whether in practice or a game (NO slacking off)
- Playing time is not guaranteed, everything is earned
- Above all, *LISTENING*, to instructions.

Given the speed in which the games are played at this level, it is important that the coaches are in complete control of every aspect of all practices and games. We would appreciate your support in addressing all questions about playing time in a game with the Club Director NOT the immediate Coach. The Coach's role is to coach and to provide the necessary instructions to remain competitive. Therefore, the Club Director will address all situations.

Communication

Each PDA team will have a Parent Manager who will be responsible for all logistical communication to families. The PM will be your point of contact for training and game details and any changes that may occur through the course of a season.

Your team coach will be the on-court face of The New England Legends and will deliver all on-court instruction at practices and games. The team coaches will also be the ones to deliver end of season evaluations which will usually take place during the last week in a particular season. Evaluations are provided at the end of the spring and fall season but not at the end of the summer season.

if you have a concern about your child's development, playing time, health issues, etc., please NEVER come up to a coach right after a game or a practice and demand to talk to them. Please call or email them later to make an appointment to talk outside of the gym and away from other team members.

Sponsorships

Corporate sponsorships are needed. Sponsorship letters are available for distribution and can be obtained from the club manager.

Volunteers

If any parent would like to get involved at any level with the New England Legends, please contact Paul Heinsohn at paulheinsohn@nelegendsbasketball.com

Tournament Schedules

The release of the team's tournament schedule will be as early as possible. Due to the nature of AAU tournaments it is possible for tournaments to be closed out or cancelled altogether on very short notice. This makes prior planning difficult at times. Each team will create a tentative tournament schedule usually within the first week or two of practice and make any adjustments that become necessary.

It is virtually impossible to predict individual tournament schedules. Tournament sponsors generally release initial game schedules between Monday and Wednesday of the week of the tournament. These schedules almost always change so there is no way to really plan effectively. When the team is participating in a tournament players need to expect to be committed through the weekend. Players also must be accessible so that the manager and coach can communicate any schedule changes.

Insurance

As with any sport, there is a possibility that a player may suffer an injury. When becoming a member with the AAU, you may purchase supplemental health insurance coverage with a \$250 deductible. Your own insurance is the primary insurance; all additional expenses incurred after meeting the deductible may be submitted to the AAU.

As a matter of protocol, please report all injuries to your coach as soon as they occur. Especially if the injury results in a trip to a doctor or hospital. Keep copies of all injury records and statements for reporting to the AAU.

Coaches Travel Expenses

In the event the team begins to participate in tournaments that require over night travel, the team will be responsible for reimbursing the coach for their travel related expenses. Reimbursement for any overnight tournament travel related expenses is limited to the team parents paying for the coach's hotel room accommodation while staying at the same hotel as most of the team and for the same number of nights as most of the team and airfare, only if air travel is required. The coach will be responsible for paying for their own meals and any entertainment expenses they incur.

"Coach Travel Expenses" is NOT meant to be paid to, nor collected from parents for in or out of town mileage or anything else. The coach's stipend covers everything else. Teams are not to collect additional money for coach unless it is approved by the Club Director prior to the event. The request must include the reason and amount.

Miscellaneous Team Expenses

There may be times when teams will incur additional expenses that should be shared equally amongst the members of the team. Such expenses typically include purchasing additional court time for practices or additional application fees for tournaments above and

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beyond the scheduled number, as well purchasing apparel items such as sweat shirts, t-shirts, or other such spirit wear. The important issue about these sort of expenses is they need to be discussed and agreed to by the majority of the parents of the players on the team before incurring the expense.

Player Development Academy Player Participation Agreement

I, _____ on behalf of my son/daughter, _____,
parent's name child's name

understand that he/she has made a commitment to the New England Legends Player Development Academy (The Legends). This commitment includes playing, representing and fulfilling all obligations to The Legends including but not limited to attending all practices, games and other events made mandatory by The Legends. I have read and understand the Player and Parent codes of conduct and agree to abide by all Legends rules and terms.

Once this agreement is signed, I understand that The Legends will devote their efforts to educate my child as a basketball player as well as hold him/her and his/her image out to the public as a member of a Legends team. I understand that payment of my fees will also become mandatory based upon my child's participation in accord with the schedule below once I have agreed to the terms of this contract. I also understand that these fees are non-refundable.

Term: March 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

Fees:

- 2009 Spring Payment: \$500
- 2009 Summer Payment: \$100
- 2009 Fall Payment: \$350
- Uniforms: \$125

Uniforms:

- (1) Reversible Uniform Jersey
- (1) Matching Uniform Short
- (1) Shooting Shirt
- (1) Tear Away Warm Up Pant
- (1) Reversible Practice Shirt

_____ Print child's name	_____ Date of Birth	_____ Grade
_____ Parent's signature	_____ Print parent's name	_____ Date

We provide a 5% discount for siblings – 1st child, full price, 5% discount on additional siblings.

Parental Medical Consent Form

To Whom It May Concern: I, _____, authorize complete medical treatment for my child, _____, by a licensed physician in the event of a medical emergency. If the attending physician feels that delayed care may endanger my child's life, cause disfigurement, physical impairment, or undue discomfort, I grant this authority if a reasonable, yet unsuccessful, effort has been made to reach me.

Player: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent Guardian: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Insurance Information

Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number: _____

Subscriber: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Waiver Form and Talent Release

On my own behalf and on the behalf of my heirs, successors and assigns, I hereby forever release and discharge and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the New England Legends Player Development Academy, each of their officers, Directors, Employees, Agents, Shareholders, Members, Partners, Representatives, and all owners and Operators of all sites at which "The Legends" conduct try-outs, clinics, practices or games, and their respective affiliates, and all the representatives (collectively the "released parties") from any and all liabilities, claims, costs, demands or causes of action, whether known or unknown ("claims") that I may now or hereafter have for injuries or damages arising out of my participation in the "Legends", and any "Legends" related activity including without limitation clinics, try-outs, games and training sessions.

I understand and acknowledge that dangers of personal injury are inherent in participating in basketball clinics, try-outs, games or training sessions, and I expressly and voluntarily assume all risk of death or personal injury sustained in the clinics, try-outs, games and training sessions, including the risk of passive or active negligence of the released parties, or hidden, latent or obvious defects in any facilities or equipment used. I acknowledge the possibility that my successors or I may not fully know the number or magnitude of all claims, and agree that this release is a full and final release of all claims. This release is intended to be binding on my heirs and assigns. This release is being signed in consideration of the opportunity to play for the "Legends" teams. It is an agreement made under seal and is governed by Massachusetts's law.

Talent Release

I do hereby give to the New England Legends Player Development Academy and to his or her assigns, licenses, and legal representatives the irrevocable right to use my name, picture, portrait, photograph, image, or voice in all forms of media and in all manners, including composite or distorted representations. I am fully aware that my name, picture, portrait, photograph, image, or voice may be used for the production of a Legends Recruitment Video and or any other marketing piece or project produced by Legends. I am fully aware that the video/marketing piece may be reproduced and may be distributed. I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the final version(s), which includes any written copy produced in connection therewith. I acknowledge that any material that appears in the video is either free of international copyright violations or has been properly licensed for use in this context; I therefore release the Legends of any liability for the production, distribution, and showing of said video.

Player's Name _____

I am the parent or legal guardian of the above named minor in the above Talent Release Form, and I have the legal authority to execute the above release. I do hereby approve the above release form and waive any rights on behalf of the above named minor.

Parent or Guardian Printed Name

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date of Signature
