



Sibling/Family Participation Policy

Mission Statement: To improve the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities through sports, social, recreational and therapeutic programs; thus building confidence, character and self esteem, while teaching the value of teamwork and cooperation. Everyone should have equal access to sports, social and life skill opportunities.

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**Sibling participation should not be for the convenience of the family. Siblings within a family do not all take the same bus to school or attend the same classes, and they likely visit with different doctors, as their needs differ significantly.**

**Sibling participation will be offered for recreational purposes when appropriate and space permitting, during “non-team” sports programs.**

**Sibling participation in team sports will be allowed only if their family member requires assistance, the sibling is 13 years of age or older, a waiver of liability has been signed, and a volunteer application is completed and submitted to KIDS (Volunteer Applications can be found on our website and coaches will have them in their Coaches Kit).**

### Non Team Sports

#### Bowling

If there is an opening on a lane due to a regular team members absence, a sister or brother of a KIDS member, 6 years of age or older may bowl. Consideration should be given regarding the age of the team members versus the age of the sibling (i.e. a 6 year old should not be allowed to play with a team of teenagers due to safety reasons.)

A parent or guardian will be required to be present at all times and they will need to complete a waiver of liability form prior to participation. Coaches will be required to turn this form into administration weekly for recording purposes, and are not responsible for the safety or well-being of the sibling.

#### Golf

If there is a tee box available, a sister or brother of a KIDS member, 6 years of age or older, may hit balls at the driving range.

A parent or guardian will be required to be present at all times and they will need to complete a waiver of liability form prior to participation. Coaches will be required to turn this form into administration weekly for recording purposes, and are not responsible for the safety or well-being of the sibling.

#### Swimming

Immediate family members only (sister, brother, mother, father), 6 years of age or older can use the pool. Any sibling 12 years of age or younger must have a parent with them in the pool at all times for safety reasons.

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**Note:** If for any reason safety becomes a concern due to the number of people in the pool, at the discretion of the coach, the session will be limited to members only and those who are in the pool to provide assistance to members.

## **Team Sports**

### **Baseball**

One family member (mother, father, sister, brother) 13 years of age or older can be on the field only to assist their family member. If they are not a registered volunteer with KIDS they will need to complete a waiver of liability prior to participation. Such family member must complete and submit to KIDS a volunteer application before returning the following week to assist their family member.

### **Basketball**

One family member (mother, father, sister, brother) 13 years of age or older can be on the playing court only to assist their family member. If they are not a registered volunteer with KIDS they will need to complete a waiver of liability prior to participation. Such family member must complete and submit to KIDS a volunteer application before returning the following week to assist their family member.

### **Wiffleball**

One family member (mother, father, sister, brother) 13 years of age or older can be on the playing floor only to assist their family member. If they are not a registered volunteer with KIDS they will need to complete a waiver of liability prior to participation. Such family member must complete and submit to KIDS a volunteer application before returning the following week to assist their family member.

### **Floor Hockey**

One family member (mother, father, sister, brother) 13 years of age or older can be on the playing floor only to assist their family member. If they are not a registered volunteer with KIDS they will need to complete a waiver of liability prior to participation. Such family member must complete and submit to KIDS a volunteer application before returning the following week to assist their family member.

### **Soccer**

One family member (mother, father, sister, brother) 13 years of age or older can be on the field only to assist their family member. If they are not a registered volunteer with KIDS they will need to complete a waiver of liability prior to participation. Such family member must complete and submit to KIDS a volunteer application before returning the following week to assist their family member.

### **Track and Field**

One family member (mother, father, sister, brother) 13 years of age or older can be assist their family member as needed. If they are not a registered volunteer with KIDS they will need to complete a waiver of liability prior to participation. Such family member must complete and submit to KIDS a volunteer application before returning the following week to assist their family member.

### **Gymnastics and Karate**

These are paid programs. No sibling participation.