



**Junior Hockey Participant Release and Waiver of Liability,  
Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement  
(Half Shield User)**

In connection with an equipment use program of the North American Hockey League (the "League") and playing for \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Team"), and in consideration of USA Hockey, Inc. ("USA Hockey") and the League and Team allowing me to participate in League and Team-related activities (collectively, the "Activities"), including, without limitation, tryouts, practices, exhibitions, camps and games, utilizing a half facemask shield (rather than full facial protection), I hereby agree as follows:

I fully understand that participation in the Activities can be HAZARDOUS, and involve known risks and unanticipated risks which could result in BODILY INJURY, ILLNESS, DEATH, DAMAGE OR LOSS to myself, my property, and to other third parties and their property, which may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, those of others participating in the Activities, the conditions in which the Activities takes place, the locations, places, buildings and/or structures at, on or in which the Activities takes place, or the negligence of the "Releasees" named below; and that such risks can be created, increased or exacerbated (including, without limitation the risk of new, additional, increased or different injuries) when using a half facemask shield rather than full facial protection. I fully accept and ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS and all responsibility for losses, costs, and damages I or any third parties incur arising out of or in any way related to my use of a half facemask shield. I represent that I understand the nature and risks of the Activities, and the nature and risk of use of a half facemask shield rather than full facial protection during the Activities. I further represent that I am participating in the Activities and using a half facemask shield voluntarily, and that I am in good health, physically fit and otherwise prepared and able to participate in the Activities using a half facemask shield. I further acknowledge and agree that if I wear a half facemask shield during the Activities, I will only utilize shields that are authorized by the League and/or Team (including, without limitation, as to certification, brand or other criteria specified by the League and/or Team).

I, on behalf of myself and anyone who obtains any rights from me, hereby forever release, discharge, and covenant not to sue USA Hockey, the League and its member teams, including the Team, hosts of Activities, and participants in the Activities (including, without limitation, players, coaches and officials), the respective affiliates of each of the foregoing, and the volunteers, directors, officers, partners, shareholders, owners, members, managers, employees, agents, administrators, officials, insurers, sponsors, advertisers, heirs, personal and legal representatives, and successors and assigns of each of them, as applicable, and the owners, lessors, lessees and any other individual or entity with any interest in the locations, places, buildings and/or structures at, on or in which Activities take place (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) from any and all liability, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs or expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and costs) (collectively, "Losses") arising out of or in any way related to my use of a half facemask shield, including, but not limited to, Losses caused or alleged to be CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE of any Releasee or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless each Releasee from and against any Loss regarding any matter within the scope of this Participant Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement (this "Release").

I have read this Release, understand that I have given up substantial legal rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law. If any provision of this Release is unenforceable, the remainder of this Release shall remain enforceable to the full extent allowed by law.

No statements regarding the effect of this Release, not contained in this Release, shall modify the terms of the Release. In any proceeding or other attempt to enforce, construe or to determine the validity of this Release, the nonprevailing party will pay the reasonable expenses of the prevailing party, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. This Release shall be binding upon the undersigned, and his/her successors, assignees, subrogors, heirs, next of kin,

and legal and personal representatives. This Release is in addition to any other waivers, releases and/or indemnification agreements I have granted and/or entered into with any Releasee, including, without limitation the USA Hockey Waiver of Liability, Release, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement.

Participant Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name:\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**NOTE: Player/Participant shall sign this Junior Hockey Participant Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement (Half Shield User) in front of a witness and shall provide the originally signed Release and Waiver to Team management. The Team shall provide a copy of this Waiver and Release to the Player, shall keep the originally signed Release for the Team's records, and shall provide a copy to the NAHL League office prior to the Player being allowed to participate in any Activities wearing a half shield. League shall provide a copy to USA Hockey's national office.**