

Santa Rosa Badminton Club Parental Presence Agreement

For the safety of juniors involved with the Santa Rosa Badminton Club, as well as the long-term viability of the club itself, we ask that parents sign the following agreement. The agreement is a request for parents (or acting guardians) to be present at the club for all hours the parent's child ("child" referring to students 12 years of age or under) is present.

Parents must understand that all coaching which takes places at the club is performed by volunteers, and that the success of badminton classes depends directly on the committed involvement of parents. From our perspective, the minimum level of such involvement required for successful classes is the physical presence of parents at the club while students are attending class. As volunteer coaches, we are simply not capable of ensuring both the safety of non-student juniors and the adequate management of class without parents being present. From a personal perspective, we hope that the time and energy we invest in volunteering can be spent on teaching, not managing behavior. For parents who are not only consistently present, but actively participate in class by helping with cleanup and stacking shuttlecocks, we offer our sincerest thanks, and strongly welcome and encourage such effort in the future.

The agreement is as follows:

I hereby agree that as long as my child is 12 years of age or younger, either myself or an acknowledged guardian will be present at the club during all SRBC badminton classes my child attends (including any time my child spends at the club before or after classes).*

Name _____ Date _____

*We understand that parents are busy and that it is often convenient for a fellow parent or friend to take responsibility for a child. We have no problem with this. However, if one parent is to take responsibility for another parent's child, it must be made explicitly clear to both the acting parent AND THE CHILD HIS/HERSELF that he or she is under the care of someone besides the child's parent him/herself.