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**2020-2021 AFTERSCHOOL MENTORING PROGRAM
PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM & ASSUMPTION OF
THE RISK AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY RELATING TO
CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19**

I, the parent, or legal guardian for _____ hereby give my permission for my child to participate in the 2020-2021 Afterschool Mentoring Program at the Boys & Girls Clubs of American Samoa (BGCAS).

I fully understand that the Mentoring Program will involve enhanced academic reading and writing, mathematics and STEAM instruction. The Program also includes evidence-based High Yield Learning Activities (HYLA) and Enrichment Programs that will address several primary areas including Music, Dance, Art, Technology, Physical Fitness and Life Skills. It is with the BGCA MOVEMENT that we work with our children so that they do not lose lessons learned from the past school year. Last, but certainly not the least, the Clubhouse will ensure that the members all have a large dose of fun while they learn to play and learn from one another.

I understand that my child will participate in an orientation session at the Clubhouse and will be given the Clubhouse rules and that my child is required to follow the rules at all times. Failure to comply with Club rules and staff may result in suspension or cancellation of membership without refund.

I understand that any personal items including electronic devices and cell phones should be left at home. If these items are brought to the Club, they are the responsibility of the child. The Boys & Girls Clubs of American Samoa is not responsible for any personal items or money lost, stolen, or damaged at the Club.

I understand that during the course of the afterschool program there may be special group events (incorporating all mentors and youth) and family events planned. I understand that the staff of the BGCAS Clubhouse will provide ongoing monitoring and tutoring activities.

I permit the BGCAS staff to utilize photographs of my child taken during his/her involvement in the Afterschool Mentoring Program and waive all rights of compensation.

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. **COVID-19 is extremely contagious** and has significant person-to-person spread. As a result, federal, state and local governments and federal and state health agencies have recommended social distancing measure and have, in many locations, required ongoing prohibitions on the congregation of groups of people of various sizes.

Boys & Girls Clubs of American Samoa (BGCAS) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 during this event. These include, but are not limited to, social distancing, increased sterilization, required hand-washing, wellness checks, and limited group sizes/ratios. However, BGCAS **cannot guarantee** that you or your children will not become infected with COVID-19 should they attend the Afterschool Mentoring Program. Further, attending these programs **could increase** their risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child/children may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending this program and all related events and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at BGCAS may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself, my child/children and others, including, but not limited to, Club employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself and my child/children (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I and/or my child/children may experience or incur in connection with their attendance at the BGCAS Afterschool Mentoring Program ("Claims"). I hereby release, covenant not sue, discharge, and hold harmless BGCAS, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Club, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in this program.

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

Date

(Printed name of Parent/Guardian)

Please sign and return by 09/02/2020