

Assumption of Risk, Release from Liability and Indemnification

My child, _____, is not yet 18-years-old and will participate from November 30, 2023 – December 3, 2023 in the 2023 Yale Model Congress Conference (the “Program”), which is being organized and run by Yale Model Congress, a registered student organization of Yale University. This document (“Agreement”) covers all aspects of my child’s participation in the Program. In this Agreement, “Yale” means Yale University, its trustees, officers, employees, trainees, students, volunteers, and agents and Yale Model Congress.

1. **Program Risks.** I understand that participation in the Program involves risks that Yale cannot eliminate, including, among others, risk of property damage, illness, bodily injury, permanent disability, and death.
2. **Assumption of Risk.** I voluntarily take responsibility for all risks of participating in the Program.
3. **Release.** In exchange for Yale allowing my child to participate in the Program, I release Yale from all legal and financial responsibility for any harm that I, my child, or our property might suffer as a result of my child’s participation, even if the harm is caused by Yale’s **negligence**.
4. **Indemnification.** I agree to indemnify and hold Yale harmless from (that is to say, I agree to pay or reimburse Yale for) any costs, penalties, legal fees, or judgments (“Costs”) that Yale has to pay related to my child’s participation in the Program, even if the Costs resulted from Yale’s **negligence**.
5. **Governing Law and Jurisdiction.** The laws of Connecticut shall govern and the courts of Connecticut shall interpret this Agreement.
6. **Binding Agreement.** This Agreement shall legally bind me, and my child, family members, spouse, estate, heirs, administrators, or personal representatives.
7. **Severability.** If a court decides that any part of this Agreement cannot be enforced, I agree to change that part to make it enforceable. If the unenforceable part cannot legally be changed, it will be severed, but the rest of the Agreement will remain in effect.
8. **Signature.** I agree that I have read and understood this Agreement, I am competent to sign it, and I do so voluntarily and without relying on anything Yale wrote or told me except what is written above. I understand that I am free not to sign this Agreement and to find a different program for my child.

Before you sign this Agreement, please read it carefully because it affects your legal rights.

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Child’s Name (printed): _____ Child’s Birthdate: ____/____/____