I, _________________________________, am a member of the Badminton Sport Club, a student organization recognized by the Office of Campus Recreation Services. I desire to participate in various sport club activities during the 2004 - 2005 academic sessions including, but not limited to, on and off campus competitions. In consideration of being permitted to participate in such sport club activities, I, for myself, my heirs, personal representative(s) and assigns hereby represent and agree as follows:

1. I fully recognize and understand that there are risks and hazards, minor and serious, associated with participation in Badminton which include, but are not limited to: sprains, bruises, broken bones, head injuries from racquets or ball contact, bodily injury from unexpected contact with walls or floors; and which may also include other serious bodily injuries and, even, death.

2. Knowing the dangers, hazards and risks associated with Badminton, I voluntarily assume all responsibility and risk of loss, damage, illness and/or injury to my person or property in any way associated with my participation in such activities.

3. I understand that protective equipment including, but not limited to, protective eyewear is recommended for the safety and protection of participants in Badminton, and I agree to wear such equipment when participating in such activities. However, I understand that wearing such equipment will not eliminate the risks of participation.

4. I understand that the rules and regulations applicable to USA Badminton are designed, in part, for the safety and protection of participants and I agree to abide by those rules and regulations.

5. I understand that Badminton requires a minimum level of fitness for safe participation. I also understand that Campus Recreation Services advises that participants in sport club activities have a physical examination to determine their fitness for participation, and I represent that there are no physical or other health related reasons which would render my participation in sport club activities dangerous or otherwise harmful to the health or physical well-being of myself or others. I further understand that the University of Maryland does not provide medical, health or other insurance for participants in sport club activities.

6. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby release and forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless, the State of Maryland, the University of Maryland, Campus Recreation Services and their officers, agents and employees from and against any and all liabilities, claims, demands and causes of action on account of any loss or injury in any way arising out of or relating to my participation in or involvement with sport club activities, or use of CRS equipment and facilities including travel thereto and therefrom, whether due to the negligence, omission, default or other action of any person or entity.

I CERTIFY THAT I AM 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE AND INFORMED CONSENT FORM AND I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

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Signature of Participant                                                Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian if Participant                   Date
is under 18 years old