



## **PARTICIPATION CONTRACT**

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Circus of the Kids is a unique, kid bonding, community building, lesson teaching, life-changing experience for all involved. We use circus as the medium to teach:

- 1) Team Work - the kids in each act are interdependent on each other
- 2) Perseverance - circus, in some form, hurts - stick with it, it's worth it
- 3) Stage Presence - ('nuf said!)
- 4) Commitment - you made a commitment to this show, stick with it

*To enable your child to receive the maximum benefit from circus participation you need to agree to the following terms and conditions. If you are not able to make the full commitment, do not put your child in circus.*

### **AUDITIONS**

1. Your child will not be cast in a Circus of the Kids production unless you have completed our online registration form.
2. Every cast member must audition. If you cannot make the scheduled audition time, an alternate time might be able to be scheduled. However, this incurs a \$25 fee.
3. Parents and auditioning children are required to be at the Orientation meeting.
3. On the day of auditions if your child:
  - A) is not yet 5, he/she cannot participate in circus this year.
  - B) is younger than 7 he/she will be cast in a less demanding act.
  - C) has completed second grade he/she can audition for a speaking part.
  - D) is over 45 kilograms he/she does not try roller skating.
  - E) is at least 13, he/she can has the option to audition for fire eating.

### **CASTING**

1. The CIRCUS OF THE KIDS staff choose who is in which act.
2. When the cast list is posted, it is final. CIRCUS participants do not switch acts even when parents beg and plead.
3. Circus Alum do not repeat acts in which they've participated in the past 3 years.

## **REHEARSALS**

1. Rehearsals are mandatory. The *only* exception is in the case of a medical emergency. (CIRCUS is a short-term commitment. There are a lot of things to learn and only a few hours, therefore CIRCUS must come first.)
2. The CIRCUS OF THE KIDS director has the final say with regards to which children are assigned to learn specific skills.
3. We are the only show in the world that attempts to schedule your rehearsals around 3 of your obligations. There are no guarantees.
4. Being late to a rehearsal and/or being absent from a rehearsal is grounds for being removed from the cast.

## **PERFORMANCES**

All children must attend all performances unless arrangements are made before the cast list is posted.

## **REFUNDS**

If you decide CIRCUS is not for you after you register, you can receive a full refund if the following conditions are met:

- 1) Your registration fee was paid to Circus of the Kids on the Circus of the Kids web site.
- 2) You must notify us with a phone call (917-847-4981) within an hour of the completion of your audition (you may leave a voice mail if no one answers).

If you have expressed concerns during your circus experience and you feel we have not met your needs, you can also get a refund if:

- 1) At show time you have attended at least 90% of your scheduled practice sessions,
- 2) You have not performed in this year's circus.
- 3) Your registration fee was paid on the Circus of the Kids web site.

Receiving a refund prohibits you from performing in the circus.

If your registration fee was given to another organization (such as a camp or school), their refund policy supersedes ours. Please direct your refund request to that organization and follow their policies and procedures.