

SAMPLE: BOND-EXEMPT BUSINESS

(Business name and address)

NOTICE OF CONSUMER RIGHTS

1. Our business' registration number with the State's Consumer Protection Division is _____ .
2. We are not required to carry a performance bond under the Maryland Health Club Services law because we do not accept more than three months' payment in advance or charge initiation fees over \$200.
3. If the (*club/school/center/program*) is closed for a month or more, you are entitled to your choice of either an extension of the (*contract/agreement/program*) or a prorated refund. If the closing is not the fault of the business, we are entitled to choose.

Note: Businesses that obligate themselves to provide services for a period longer than three months (regardless of how payment is collected) must also include:

4. You have the right to cancel this (*contract/agreement/program*) within three business days after receipt of a copy of this agreement. Cancellation must be in writing, and delivered in person or by certified or registered mail. If you cancel, you are entitled to a full refund of all monies paid.
5. If you become disabled for at least 3 months during the membership term and the disability is confirmed in writing by a physician, you are entitled to an extension of the (*contract/agreement/program*). Since we are exempt from the bonding requirement, we cannot collect payments during a member's disability extension so that we are not holding more than three months' payment in advance.

This notice is an integral part of the application and contract for membership.

Date: _____

Member or Guardian's Signature: _____