New Driver s Driving Contract for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

**General Principles:**

* Driving is a privilege, not a legal right, granted to me by my parents and can be withdrawn at any time.
* I will only be allowed to drive when I abide by all of the rules below:

Driving a car is a large responsibility and a serious matter. I recognize that:

\_\_\_ Auto accidents are the leading cause of death among people 16-20

\_\_\_ Recklessness or errors that I make while driving could kill or hurt me, or others.

\_\_\_ I will abide by all laws that regulate driving including posted speed limits.

\_\_\_ The car is the property of my parents, and I drive only with their permission.

\_\_\_ If my parents deny me the permission to drive I will turn over my keys immediately

# The Critical ‘A’ Rules

***If you violate any of these rules I will lose driving privileges indefinitely – even for one incident***

1. No alcohol or drugs: I will not drive after taking alcohol or drugs, or allow anyone in my car that has done so.
   * No riding with others who have been using alcohol or drugs
   * I can always call my Mom or Dad if I find myself in a situation where I will be stranded, and they will come get me, no questions asked.
2. Informing parents about issues: I will let Mom and Dad know of any accidents, tickets, or other encounters with police (even warnings).
3. No cell phone or texting while driving. Pull over if you need to use the phone.

**Category ‘B’ Rules:**

***If I violate any of these rules I will lose permission to drive for up to 4 weeks.***

1. Taking care of car. Keep it clean and well maintained (oil change, wipers, gas)
2. Seatbelts: wear at all times, and make passengers wear them
3. Weather / road conditions: respect the weather, and not drive in hazardous conditions. Dad or Mom will give you a ride if it is snowing or freezing rain.
4. Emotion: I will not drive when emotionally upset or angry. Emotions cause bad decisions and distractions.
5. Stereo: Played at low level
6. No rushing: bad things happen when people rush.
7. Curfew: in the house, according to oven clock, when we set a curfew. 11pm if not otherwise stated.
8. I will let my parents know where I am

**Special Items:**

* Financial: I pay for my own gas, and any violations/tickets.
* Family obligations: I may be asked to run errands or drive for a family reason. These take priority over personal driving.
* General life responsibilities: I am expected to do my homework, and help around the house when asked. I will maintain a respectful attitude commensurate with a person who is responsible enough to drive.

I agree to abide by the rules in this contract and accept the consequences and penalties if I do not. I recognize my parents’ authority in deciding if and how I may drive until I am an adult, living on my own.

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New Driver Mom

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Dad