Minimum Content of a Consent Form

Based on the example provided by the Swiss Psychological Society (SPS)

1. Title of the study
2. An intelligible summary about the goals and course of the study (e.g. duration, tasks)
3. Specifications regarding the institutional framework and the responsible project leaders
4. Specifications regarding possible advantages resulting from study participation and the possible value of the study.
5. Specifications regarding possible inconveniences or risks associated with study participation. If necessary, list examples.
6. A note about the voluntary nature of the participation and the right to withdraw said participation at any given time without any explanations, without resulting in any negative consequences for the participant.
7. Specifications regarding data protection (anonymity or confidentiality of data storage, data processing, and data availability on an open repository)
8. Contact information for the person in charge of answering questions about the study as well as a reference to the local ethics committee for participants to turn to in case of questions or complaints about ethical issues.
9. A note stating that by signing the consent form, participants confirm having read and understood the consent form, were able to ask questions that were answered adequately and that based on the given information they partake in the study voluntarily.
10. A note stating that participants receive a copy of the consent form.
11. Signatures of both the participant and researcher