



PARKS & RECREATION

Volunteer Coaching Duties

Purpose of Coaching: Create a positive learning environment where the children learn sportsmanship, fundamental skills, teamwork, and responsibility. Newton County Recreation programs emphasize skill, development, fair play, teamwork, cooperation, sportsmanship, responsibility, and fun. Each participant should be provided the opportunity to play in every game, and play different positions on the field/court.

Qualifications:

- Have a desire to work with children, enthusiasm, patience, organization, maturity, dependability, and be responsible
- Be available at the times when games, practices, and meetings are held

Requirements:

- Fill out a coaching application each year for each sport and attend the necessary coaches' meetings
- Complete a yearly background check. Exceptions include Post-Certified Law Enforcement Officers, Current School Teachers/School Administrators, and Military
- Regular attendance at scheduled practices and games
- Regular attendance at parent/coaches' meetings upon notification
- Communicate program information to parents and players
- Hold a pre-season parent meeting

Responsibilities:

- Teach fundamental skills to the participants while emphasizing skill development, fair play, teamwork, sportsmanship, and fun
- Be on time to all practices and games or have your assistants, who are approved by the Recreation standards, fill in
- Provide a safe environment for practice and games by checking the condition of the fields and equipment each day. Examine all fields prior to each game for unexpected hazards. Notify the Recreation staff as soon as possible
- Teach skills in developmentally appropriate stages
- Enforce all Recreation policies and rules
- Be responsible for the children until they are turned over to a parent or guardian before leaving the field/gym
- Provide proper first aid when injuries occur

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Responsibilities continued:

- Report any problems with fields, equipment, player behavior, parent behavior, or officials to the Recreation staff
- Abide by all official's decisions
- Be accessible by phone and text

Coaches Code:

- I understand that players play for enjoyment and winning is only part of the game. I will never place the value of winning above the value of every participant having a positive experience.
- I will ensure that my players' experience in practices and games is one of fun and enjoyment and improvement in skill. I understand that the three top reasons kids play sports are: a) to have fun, b) to make new friends, and c) to learn new skills.
- I recognize the value and importance of officials and their role. I will treat officials with respect and courtesy at all times, accepting their calls even if I disagree.
- I will be a role model for good sportsmanship, understanding that positive reinforcement is more effective than negative criticism when instructing my players.
- I will not consume alcohol or drugs and/or smoke/vape during practices or games; I will not attend, coach, or participate in ANY youth event while under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.
- I understand that these Responsibilities and Standards of Behavior are to be followed at all times.

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

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