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In the role of a youth sports coach, the Department of Parks and Recreation expects you will:

- Attend required training for coaches.
- Agree to a BCA background check.
- Work with the Recreation Center staff to make sure the team roster and any other required paperwork is completed and submitted in a timely manner.
- Be responsible for equipment, uniforms and first aid kits issued at the beginning of the season, and be responsible for their prompt return at the end of the season.
- Maintain a safe environment at all times for players.
- Be familiar with the basic procedures for managing sports injuries.
- Know the rules and the modified rules for the sport you are coaching.
- Know the youth athletics policies and abide by them.
- Be available to practice at least once per week and attend scheduled games.
- Be on time for practices and games and be respectful of assigned schedules for other teams and groups.
- Refrain from the use of drugs, tobacco and alcohol during practices and games.
- Refrain from using profanity and prohibit profanity or “trash talk” by your players.
- Treat staff, officials, your players, opposing players, spectators and coaches with respect.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship at practices and games. Your behavior influences the behavior of your players and spectators.
- Be positive. Encourage, don’t discourage.
- Ensure equitable playing time for every player and help make the season fun.
- Keep winning in perspective and remember that the game is for the kids and not the adults.
- Wear your City issued Coaching ID badge during all league games, play-off games and other youth tournament games.

*If any of these expectations are difficult or impossible for you to comply with, it may be best for us to help you find a volunteer opportunity other than coaching youth sports.*





## **Additional Information For Coaches**

**Equipment** – All teams need to be prepared with warm-up balls. Do not assume the host sites will have them to use. Directors should be issuing equipment bags. Recommendation; to get pinnies too. Many teams come in same color uniforms.

All teams must provide a **game ball** at game

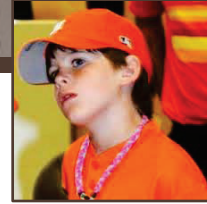
**Minimum Playing Requirement** – All sports have them. They are bare minimum, hopefully you are playing the kids as equally as possible.

**For the Sportsmanship Pledge** – coaches are responsible for reading it, not the kids. It is too hard to hear them. And the coaches should take ownership in it.



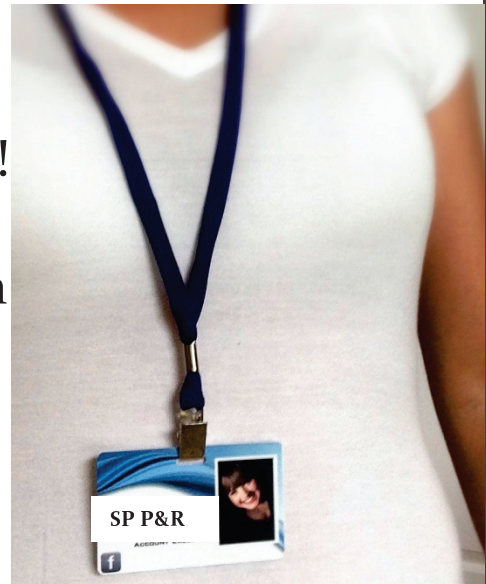
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### Jewelry



**Number of coaches allowed** – each sport has a maximum

**Badges** – must be seen! Not in pockets or bags or under coats – all of which happen. Left in your car is NOT an excuse! – Go get it! You **MUST** hold on to it for two years. Only issue one free. When they do a new background check they will get a new one – **free** (if they are still with us).



### Blow outs

**Incidents – reports** – coaches may be asked to provide a written or verbal report on an incident that occurred.

**Team cleaning up** after themselves

