

## COACHES JOB DESCRIPTION

**Selection:** All coaches will be selected by a YMCA Director/Coordinator or a site-administrator/coordinator. All coaches are selected on a volunteer basis.

**Expectations:** Coaches need only a very basic knowledge of the sport they will be coaching. The main requirements are that a prospective coach enjoys working with children, has the desire to make YMCA Youth Sports a positive experience for all players, and that he/she has the time to devote to the program.

### Responsibilities:

1. Attend a coaches meeting.
2. Contact the players on your team to let them know that you will be their coach and when and where the first practice/game will be. Game schedules will be handed out at the first practice/game.
3. Read through the entire coach's manual and any other information so that you can be more effective as a YMCA COACH. This manual will also inform coaches of the YMCA and its Youth Sports philosophy, goals, mission, and how the youth sports fits into the mission of the YMCA.
4. Coaches need to be well informed on the rules of the game coaching.
5. Coaches, officials, and coordinators need to work together to ensure a safe, quality program.
6. Call the YMCA Director/Coordinator if there are any questions or concerns.
7. Try to involve other parents to help out with practice, games, car-pooling, etc.
8. Always conduct yourself in a professional manner. Remember that you are a role model to the players for good sportsmanship.
9. Involve all players in practice and games, treat all players equally, and encourage all players to always give their best.

### Miscellaneous Guidelines:

1. Young children should never be unsupervised.
2. Volunteers, especially coaches who do not have a son/daughter on their team, are not encouraged to relate to the children in YMCA programs outside of coaching (weekend trips, baby-sitting, etc.)
3. Staff or volunteers will not discipline children by use of physical activity or physical punishment.
4. Staff or volunteers will not verbally or emotionally harass, abuse, or punish children.
5. All Staff & Volunteers will undergo background checks before participating in the program.

Coach's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_