

## **ROLE OF THE VOLUNTEER COACH**

The Irving Parks and Recreation department would like to thank you for accepting the responsibility of coaching a city youth sport teams. No program can be a success without good leadership.

The hours will be long and you are serving without pay, but your job is most important. Coaches help build the moral fiber, mental health and physical strength of young boys and girls who will be the adults of tomorrow.

These athletes are at a most impressionable age, and the training you give them, good or bad, will have a lasting effect on their young lives.

For some, playing on the team may be their only contact with organized sports. We know you will want them to remember it as a pleasurable and meaningful experience.

Without your help, this program would not be possible. From the players, parents and the Irving Parks and Recreation Department, THANK YOU!

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VOLUNTEER COACH**

### **Background Check**

All head coaches and primary assistant coaches must complete a National Background Screening Consent/Release Form. Coaches must be cleared before coaching any Irving Parks and Recreation program, including practices. Any team assistants or team parents are encouraged to complete an Irving Parks and Recreation Volunteer Information Sheet.

### **Parents Meeting**

All coaches must have a preseason meeting with team parents to discuss the purpose and scope of the program, code of conduct, rules and regulations, and other necessary information.

### **Player Supervision**

In order to ensure the safety of all players, Irving Parks and Recreation requires each coach to stay with their players after practices and games until all players have been picked up. If the same parent(s) are consistently late, please let your site overseer know. The site overseer will talk to the parent(s) regarding the issue. If the issue continues, a player may be dismissed from the league. Under no circumstance shall a coach leave a player unattended.

### **Parent/Spectator Control**

A team is responsible for its parents and spectators.

Parents and spectators: Please read through the unsportsmanlike conduct.

### **Reporting Injuries**

During games, site overseers are responsible for filling out the Accident Report Form for any injury that requires medical attention, or for any injury that may potentially require medical attention. During warm-ups or practices, coaches are responsible for filling out the Accident Report Form. A copy of the report should be submitted to Irving Parks and Recreation within 24 hours.