

Marshalltown Parks and Recreation Department
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VOLUNTEER COACH APPLICATION

Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Address _____
Cell Phone _____ Other Phone _____
Email _____ Shirt Size AS AM AL XL 2XL 3XL
Night of week (Mon–Fri) or time (5-6 or 6-7 PM) I CANNOT practice: (Ex: Never at 5:00 PM or Wednesdays)

Which sport are you volunteering for? Basketball Soccer Volleyball

Prior Coaching experience or experience leading children:

Year(s) Sport or Activity Organization or Setting

I wish to coach:

Child's Name: _____ Age & Grade: _____

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Please read and understand the following:

I will allow all players, regardless of ability, equal opportunity to play in every game, try every position and will follow directives of the Marshalltown Parks and Recreation Department – policies, rules, and personnel to the best of my ability. I will also attend a coach's meeting, if scheduled.

Coaches' Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to live up to the Marshalltown Parks and Recreation Department
Coaching Standards by following this Coaches' Code of Ethics.

I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.

I will treat each player as an individual while remembering the range of emotional and physical development for this age group.

I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.

I will promise to review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.

I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging to all my players.

I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.

I will refrain from using drugs, tobacco and alcohol while providing an appropriate sports environment for all youth sports events.

I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.

I will use coaching techniques appropriate for skills taught.

I will remember I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children, not adults.

I will attend a scheduled coaching meeting to learn appropriate information, philosophy and techniques as a Parks and Recreation coach.

I understand as a coach I am accountable to Parks and Recreation Staff as well as players and parents/guardians.

Signature _____ Date _____

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PURPOSE & PHILOSOPHY

It is a major goal of the Marshalltown Parks and Recreation Department to encourage every youngster in the local area to participate in Youth Sports, whether it be through the local Marshalltown Area Soccer Club, Marshalltown Girls' Softball, Marshalltown Little League, Marshalltown Football League, Bobcat Tennis Academy, Marshalltown Area Tumbling & Trampoline, YMCA or Marshalltown Parks and Recreation. The opportunity to participate is available to every child regardless of athletic ability or financial status. The purpose of our league is to provide opportunities for young athletes to learn fundamentals of this sport in an enjoyable atmosphere with an emphasis on participation and fun. Parks and Recreation has an equal play rule to ensure all players an equal opportunity to play.

GOALS OF MARSHALLTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT LEAGUES

All players have fun while participating in youth sports without a "winning at all cost" philosophy. It is emphasized to coaches the importance of teaching fundamentals of each sport. Good Sportsmanship in competition is a must. Coaches, parents, spectators and players must be good sports/citizens. Sportsmanship is encouraged among players – teammates and with players from other teams. Lasting friendships develop through sports. Players will be taught to cope with competitiveness in a healthy way. Players are introduced to a competitive environment with no harm to them physically, mentally or emotionally. Players are taught that participation in sports is a privilege and responsibilities are associated with being involved in Youth sport – (responsibility to coach, parents, teammates & self). The desire to succeed is instilled in each player (not to win at all cost). Athletes who set goals and obtain those goals through hard work and effort will learn lifelong benefits.

OFFICIALS

Officials are paid, trained staff members. They are adults or young adults who have an interest this sport, officiating or both. If you have a concern about an official, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department (641-754-5715). A parent or coach who permits the young player to blame his/her failures on an official, regardless of the quality of that official, is not doing justice to the young athlete. Such an attitude is fostering an improper outlook toward the ideals of the game, rather than learning responsibility.