

**SHELBY PARKS & RECREATION  
VOLUNTEER COACHES CONTRACT**

Volunteer head and assistant coaches for Shelby Parks & Recreation are responsible for teaching the skills and rules of the sport while promoting fair and equal play. Coaches are responsible for communicating information to parents and players about practices, rules, and game schedules. All coaches are responsible for attending all practices and games throughout the season or assigning a volunteer assistant coach to attend.

**Activities and Responsibilities**

1. To teach sports through the use of games approach and through effectively planned practices at a level appropriate for each member of the team.
2. To conduct a preseason parent orientation meeting to inform the parents of practice/game times and location, rules, equipment requirements, schedules, game cancellation procedures and to encourage parent involvement.
3. To be aware of the differences in each child’s physical and emotional maturity, personality, backgrounds and motivation.
4. To supervise the players before, during, and after practices and games.
5. To provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all players, giving each child an equal opportunity to participate.
6. To communicate with officials to promote proper sport specific techniques.
7. To teach players multiple playing positions of the sport and ensure equal playing time in each game.
8. To communicate with Ben Washam, Athletic Programs Supervisor, with any questions or concerns.
9. To serve as a positive role model to the players, parents, officials, and fellow coaches in your appearance, and by following all rules and demonstrating good sportsmanship.
10. To communicate good health and fitness principles and positive character development concepts to players, parents and spectators.

**Your leadership is the single most important factor in Shelby Parks & Rec. Its success, as well as the personal experiences of each participant, rests in your hands. You have the power to make this league fun for yourself, and most importantly, your players.**

**Qualifications**

- Must be responsible and of good character.
- Successfully pass a background check conducted by the Shelby Parks & Rec.
- Attend the coaches training meeting prior to the season and complete NAYS training.
- Sign the Coaches Code of Ethics.

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Signature

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Date

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Athletic Program Director

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Date

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I understand that my responsibilities as a volunteer youth sports coach are of great importance and that my actions have the potential to significantly influence the young athletes I coach. Therefore, I promise to uphold the following rights of young athletes to the best of my ability.

- I. Right to participate in sports.
- II. Right to participate at a level commensurate with each child's maturity and ability.
- III. Right to have qualified adult leadership.
- IV. Right to play as a child and not as an adult.
- V. Right to share in the leadership and decision making of sport participation.
- VI. Right to participate in safe and healthy environments.
- VII. Right to proper preparation for participating in sports.
- VIII. Right to an equal opportunity to strive for success.
- IX. Right to be treated with dignity.
- X. Right to have fun in sports.

I also promise to conduct myself in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Coaches as outlined here.

- 1. I will treat each athlete, opposing coach, official(s), parent(s)/guardians, and youth sport administrator and site supervisors with respect and dignity.
- 2. I will do my best to learn the fundamental skills, teaching and evaluation techniques, and strategies of my sport.
- 3. I will become thoroughly familiar with the rules of my sport.
- 4. I will become familiar with the objectives of the youth sport program which I am coaching. I will strive to achieve these objectives and communicate them to my athletes and their parents.
- 5. I will uphold the authority of officials who are assigned to the contests in which I coach, and I will assist them in every way to conduct a fair and impartial competitive contest.
- 6. I will learn the strengths and weaknesses of my athletes so that I might place them in situations where they have a maximum opportunity to achieve success.
- 7. I will conduct my practices and contests so that all athletes have an opportunity to improve their skills through active participation.
- 8. I will communicate to my athletes and their parents the rights and responsibilities of individuals on our team.
- 9. I will cooperate with the administrator of the Shelby Parks and Rec in the enforcement of rules and regulations, and I will report any problems that violate sound competitive practices.
- 10. I will protect the health and safety of my athletes by insisting that all of the activities under my control are conducted for their psychological and physiological welfare, rather than for the vicarious interests of adults.

With my signature, which I voluntarily affix to this contract, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and will do my best to fulfill the promises made herein.

Name of Coach (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_