



# Volunteer Coach Application *(cont'd.)*

## BACKGROUND CHECK

Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been refused participation in any youth sports organization? **Yes / No**

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- Have you been convicted of a DUI or DWI within the past 3 years? **Yes / No**
- Have you ever been convicted of a felony? **Yes / No**
- Did the conviction deal with a minor? **Yes / No**
- Has your license been, or is it currently restricted, suspended, or revoked? **Yes / No**
- Do you have charges pending or have you admitted guilt (including a plea of no contest) or been found guilty, including deferred adjudication, of committing a felony or Class A or B misdemeanor?

**Note:** Include offenses for which probation was granted, exclude minor traffic violations, but include DUI/DWI. If yes, to charges pending or admission of guilt as defined above, provide the following information

**IMPORTANT!** A conviction or deferred adjudication record will not be an absolute bar to employment. Factors such as nature of offense, date and relationship between offense and the position for which you are applying will be considered. However, a false statement or omission of any information will bar employment.

Date	Offense	City, County, State of Offense	Disposition

Please attach a photocopy of your driver's license to this application. Please return your completed application and background consent form to: [Schelar@nbtexas.org](mailto:Schelar@nbtexas.org) or directly to Das Rec at 345 Landa St. New Braunfels, TX 78130.

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## Youth Sports Purpose

The purpose of the Das Rec's Youth Sports Program is to provide quality recreational sport experiences for the community's youth through a positive atmosphere that values sportsmanship, development, and fun.

## Youth Sports Philosophy

The primary objective of the Youth Sports program is for children to have fun through recreational sports! Each child should have the same opportunity to participate in a recreational sports activity regardless of talent or ability. This values the individual and collective experiences of participants by providing a positive atmosphere that emphasizes sportsmanship and player development. Success is not reflected in the score or standings, but is achieved through effectively teaching the skills and strategies of the game as well as building the character and self-esteem of children participating in the program.

## PURPOSE – Role of the Coach

As a coach of a youth athletic team, you have a tremendous influence on the life of each youth on that team. Next to the parent, you are probably one of the most important adults in the youths' lives. Each youth on the team looks to you for guidance and leadership. You will find yourself, at one time or another, in the position of being a father, a mother, a teacher, a friend, and a disciplinarian; and many times all of these on the same day -- your guidance effects the youths in all situations. It is the intent of the City to ensure that games shall be conducted with good sportsmanship and fair play. It is our hope that the managers and coaches be the type of individuals who our society can point to as worthy examples for youths to follow.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

### RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

1. A coach, assistant coach, parent, spectator or player shall not at any time lay a hand upon, push, shove, strike, or threaten to strike a referee, or they are subject to ejection from the game, as well as, any or all games left in the season.
2. A coach, assistant coach, parent, spectator or player shall not verbally abuse a referee or use profane, obscene, or vulgar language in any manner or at any time.
3. A coach shall not appear at any time in an intoxicated condition, smell of alcohol or have in his/her possession any alcoholic beverage.
4. For the conduct of his/her own spectators or rooters on either side of the playing area.
5. For the conduct of his/her players while they are on the field or sidelines.
6. For seeing that his/her assistant coaches and team helpers exhibit good sportsmanship before, during and after the game.
7. Win, lose, or draw, all coaches, assistant coaches and players will be required to show good sportsmanship by giving a cheer to the other team and shaking hands after the game.

## COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

- I will place emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will praise my players just for participating.
- I will look for positives, and make a big deal out of them.
- I will stay calm when my players make mistakes, helping them learn from their mistakes.
- I will treat my players with respect, avoiding put-down, sarcasm, or ridicule.
- I will remind my players not to get down on themselves.
- I will remind myself, and my players, to laugh and keep a sense of humor.

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- I will emphasize teamwork, and help my players to think “we” instead of “me.”
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will remember not to take myself too seriously during the game.
- I will maintain a “fun is #1” attitude.
- I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.
- I will be a role model for good sportsmanship:
  - Winning without gloating
  - Losing without complaining
  - Treating my opponent and officials with fairness and courtesy

## Young Athlete Rights

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 participate in safe and health environments

VI. Right to an equal opportunity to strive for success

VII. Right to be treated with dignity

VIII. Right to have fun in sports I also promise to conduct myself in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Coaches as given.

1. I will treat each player, opposing coach, official, parent and administrator with respect and dignity.
2. I will do my best to learn the fundamental skills, teaching and evaluating 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 sports program with which I am affiliated. I will strive to achieve these objectives and communicate them to my players 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 fair and impartial competitive contests.
6. I will conduct my practices and games so that all players have an opportunity to improve their skill level through active participation.
7. I will cooperate with the administrator of our organization in the enforcement of rules and regulations, and I will report any irregularities that violate sound, competitive practices.
8. I will protect the health and safety of my players 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.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_