



## Volunteer Packet

*If you think winning is the only thing that matters in youth sports maybe you should volunteer for something else.*

Thank you for volunteering at the Newport Recreation Department. We are lucky to have dedicated people like you to help our youth flourish through athletics. Your time is valuable and we appreciate that you have chosen to volunteer for us.

The Newport Recreation Department has adopted a screening process for volunteers and coaches for all its youth programs, while each individual program may have separate rules and guidelines; the following policies apply to all individuals who wish to volunteer at the Newport Recreation Department:

### **Philosophy**

While safety is our number one priority and concern, we believe all kids in our programs will get fair and equal playing time. Our programs focus on teamwork, sportsmanship and skill development.

While scoreboards may indicate a winner, the Newport Recreation Dept. will not keep standings, rankings or have any playoffs in its youth sports. We will teach our kids through to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat. We celebrate playing the game.

### **Confidentiality**

The Newport Recreation Department respects the privacy of all its volunteers. The information received during this screening process will not be disclosed outside this organization and will be shared internally on a “need to know” basis only. It should be mentioned that under special circumstances we might be required, by law, to share information with other agencies.



## Youth Sports Volunteer Coach

### JOB DESCRIPTION

**STATUS: Part time, various hours**

#### **Job Summary:**

Under the supervision and guidance of the Recreation Supervisor, the Youth Sports Volunteer Coach is responsible for providing a safe and fun atmosphere for each child who has registered for the program through the Newport Recreation Dept.

Coaches will have basic knowledge of the skills and rules to play the game. They will also have an understanding of the importance of teaching teamwork and sportsmanship to children. It is expected that the coach be a positive role model while in the presence of any and all participants involved with the recreation program.

#### **Desired Qualifications:**

- Genuine interest in being a positive influence in a youth's life.
- Understanding of the duties and responsibilities it takes to be a successful youth coach.
- Stays current of sport specific rules, drills and strategies.
- Updated certification in NYSCA sport specific training.
- Ability to communicate effectively with fellow coaches, parents, players and Rec. Staff.

#### **Description of Training Provided:**

- NYSCA (National Youth Sports Coaches Association)
- Coaches Clinics sponsored by the Newport Recreation Dept or other agencies.
- American Red Cross First Aid/CPR training (when available)

**Contact information:** Newport Recreation Department, 65 Belknap Ave., Newport, NH 03773

**Daytime phone:** (603) 863-1332    **Fax:** (603) 863-3884

**Supervisor:** Becky Merrow (603) 477-4144 (cell)

## Volunteer Coach and Background Check Application

\*This form must be completed by applicants 18 years or older.

Your Name (please print clearly)

**First:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Middle** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last** \_\_\_\_\_

**Present Street Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **# of years living in NH** \_\_\_\_\_

\*These questions need to be answered honestly; any discrepancies will be grounds for disqualification.

1. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or convicted of a crime? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain

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2. Have you ever had problems with drugs or alcohol? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain

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3. Have you ever been involved with child abuse or neglect No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain

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### **Volunteer Youth Coaching Contract**

I understand that my responsibilities as a volunteer youth coach are of great importance and that my actions have the potential to influence the young athletes of whom I coach. Therefore, I promise to uphold the following code of ethics: I will:

- Keep in mind at all times that the recreational experience is for kids, not adults.
- Use positive coaching methods to make the experience enjoyable for the players.
- Treat officials, opposing coaches and players with respect and dignity and encourage my players and player's parents to do the same.
- Observe player participation rules and strive to make each player a valuable member of the team, regardless of skill level.
- Teach the principals of fair play and sportsmanship.
- Learn and teach the rules of the game to your athletes.
- Encourage safe play, and report and unsafe playing conditions to Newport Recreation
- Report any conduct that violates this code or adversely affects the positive, kid-friendly environment of the Newport Recreation Department athletic programs.

\*\* I authorize the Newport Recreation Department to conduct a background check and to obtain any information significant to this application. I understand that failure to follow the youth coaching contract could be grounds for dismissal from coaching youth sports.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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