

YMCA Of Metropolitan Denver

Youth Sports Coach

Volunteer

Position Description:

A volunteer Youth Sports Coach, working as part of the Sports Team, will be responsible for all aspects of their team's practices and games including creating a welcoming, safe and caring environment and providing leadership, communication and instruction to the participants. They are responsible for abiding by and enforcing YMCA sports rules and philosophies. The incumbent will also exhibit the core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility in all aspects of their work with the YMCA.

General Qualifications:

1. Must be at least 16 years of age and have transportation to the practices and games
2. Knowledge of the sports they are coaching and willingness to learn YMCA rules and procedures.
3. Must be able to pass a criminal background check and complete required trainings as determined by YMCA (including annual concussion training).
4. Strong communication skills with the ability to relate well to participants, parents, employees, and officials
5. Possess a positive and professional attitude.
6. Willingness to be a positive role model for youth, as well as parents, officials and other coaches.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Always place the athlete first and winning second. Coaches are responsible for emphasizing teamwork, good sportsmanship and fair play.
2. Teach skills to all players using the games approach and through effectively planned practices at a level appropriate for each member of the team.
3. Supervise all players before, during and immediately following the practices and game. Assure that they are leaving the site with an appropriate parent or guardian.
4. Provide a safe and enjoyable play environment for all players, giving each child an equal opportunity to participate in practice and games.
5. Be aware of the surrounding weather conditions and delay or postpone practices as determined by the YMCA guidelines.
6. Report any inappropriate or problematic behavior, accidents or injuries, and/or other observations or complaints to YMCA Staff.
7. Follow and enforce all YMCA procedures and policies, including: sport specific rules, safety guidelines, facility access procedures and membership policies. Communicate with the YMCA staff on all matters of policy and procedures.
8. Keep safety as the number one priority. Maintain a clean and safe playing environment and follow all facility procedures. Survey gym/field for possible hazards and take initiative to clean up/repair areas or notify YMCA staff of concerns.
9. Encourage parent's involvement and coordinate their assistance. Relay information from the YMCA to participants and parents. Be the main communicator for the team.
10. Use players names and get to know their goals and interests, and take the initiative to ensure the member/participant has a positive experience.

Effect on the End Result:

The volunteer Youth Sports Coach position, as part of the Sports team, will create a consistent and quality program experience for participants and make them feel welcome and safe at the YMCA. By being a positive role model for youth they will have a positive impact on the lives of young people which is an intangible reward for coaches, the YMCA and the community.

(Volunteer Signature)

(Date)

(Volunteer Name Printed)