

ROLE OF THE VOLUNTEER COACH

The Mineral Wells Parks and Recreation department would like to thank you for accepting the responsibility of coaching a city youth sport team. No program can be a success without good leadership.

The hours will be long, and you will be serving without pay, but your job is most important. Coaches help build the moral fiber, mental health and physical strength of young boys and girls who will be the adults of tomorrow.

These athletes are at a most impressionable age, and the training you give them, good or bad, will have a lasting effect on their young lives.

For some, playing on the team may be their only contact with organized sports. We know you will want them to remember it as a pleasurable and meaningful experience.

Without your help, this program would not be possible. From the players, parents and the Mineral Wells Parks and Recreation Department, THANK YOU!!

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VOLUNTEER COACH

Coaches Clinic

All first-time coaches are required to take an online coaches' clinic through Nays. <http://www.nays.org/coaches> This is a one-time clinic that we require and you will not be asked to take it again if you decide to coach multiple seasons.

Background Check

All head coaches and assistant coaches must complete a background check through the link listed. <http://www.taaf.com/background-check>. Coaches must be cleared before coaching any Mineral Wells Parks and Recreation program, including practices. The background check is good for one year.

Coaches Meeting

All head coaches are required to attend the preseason coaches meeting. If not available to attend the meeting a representative for the team may fill in.

Parents Meeting

All coaches must have a preseason meeting with team parents to discuss the purpose and scope of the program, code of conduct, rules and regulations, and other necessary information.

Player Supervision

In order to ensure the safety of all players, Mineral Wells Parks and Recreation requires each coach to stay with their players after practices and games until all players have been picked up. If the same parent(s) are consistently late, please let your gym attendee know. The gym attendee will talk to the parent(s) regarding the issue. If the issue continues, a player may be dismissed from the league. Under no circumstance shall a coach leave a player unattended.

Parent/Spectator Control

A team is responsible for its parents and spectators.

Parents and spectators: Please read through the unsportsmanlike conduct.

Reporting Injuries

During games, gym attendees are responsible for filling out an Accident/Incident Report Form for any injury that requires medical attention, or for any injury that may potentially require medical attention. A parent/guardian or coach is required to sign the form. During warm-ups or practices, coaches are responsible for reporting any accidents or injuries to the gym attendees, so a form can be filled out and signed by the coach.