



## Volunteer Coaches Standards and Expectations

Please read each statement and understand if at any time a coach diverts from these guidelines, it may result in termination of the coach's role as a volunteer with the City of Greeley Youth Sports programs. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Zach Kilimann at 970-350-9421 or Zachary.Kilimann@greeleygov.com

*Understand that your responsibilities as a Volunteer Youth Coach are of great importance, and that your actions have the potential to significantly influence the participants whom you coach. Therefore, you promise to uphold the following listed Standards and Expectations to the best of your ability.*

### Coaches Standards

1. I will treat each individual (participants, parents, officials, other volunteers, and city recreation staff) with respect and dignity.
2. This volunteer role is to coach a recreational program and is not based on winning. The best interest of the child transforms into the best interests of the game.
3. I will protect the health and safety of the participants by insisting that all of the activities under my control be conducted with the player's wellbeing in mind.
4. I will communicate the goals and objectives of the City of Greeley Youth Sports Program to participants and parents.
5. I will encourage the participants to set goals. I will remain positive and refrain from discouraging remarks. Negative comments are remembered far more often than positive affirmations.
6. I will learn the strengths and weaknesses of the participants so that I might place them into situations where they have a maximum opportunity to achieve success in practices and games while they improve their skill level.
7. I will remember that the rules of the game are designed to protect participants, as well as to set a standard for the game. I will never circumvent or take advantage of the rules by teaching deliberate misconduct.
8. I will be the first person to demonstrate good sportsmanship. I will take a low profile during the game and allow the youth to enjoy and play the game.
9. I will cooperate and support the city administrators and sport officials of our organization in the enforcement of rules and regulations, and will report any irregularities.
10. Locations will vary. Some are city owned and maintained and others are secured through a third party such as School District 6. Be responsible to ensure respect of property by all participants and report any obstacles that pose a substantial risk for the children.



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As a volunteer coach of young athletes, you will be considered a role model; therefore facilitating sportsmanship, fair play, and equal playing time are essential in your role. With your help, we can provide opportunities for long term growth for our young athletes. Games and practices should be designed to be engaging and fun. Youth sports are an introduction to athletics, and a positive experience at this young age is vital for their continued participation and desire to play. Please do not hesitate to reach out for any resources that might help you achieve these goals.

*Special Note: Coaches receiving a registration waiver must uphold certain expectations and responsibilities in order to maintain the registration waiver. Should a volunteer coach not uphold any of the below expectations or responsibilities, it will be up to the discretion of the Greeley Sports Administrators on whether or not a registration fee should be reissued. For instance, coaches that only show up for games would not be upholding the expectations outlined below and therefore should not receive a coach's waiver etc.*

### Expectations

- 1. Coach at least 80% of scheduled practices and games**
2. Attend scheduled coaches meetings
3. Read league rules and regulations
4. Make contact with all participants listed on your roster. Please introduce yourself, notify them of game and practice schedule and location before first practice
5. Make arrangements in advance if you are unavailable for a practice or game. Enlist additional adult help
6. Provide a safe and fun environment for the children
7. Put the wellbeing of players ahead of your desire to win
8. Every child should receive an equal amount of instruction and playing time during practices and games

### Responsibilities:

- Commit to the City of Greeley's recreational sports philosophy
- Organize practices and set up drills that engage all players
- Manage team including substitutions and playing time during games
- Guide players through league rules
- Be the liaison between Sports Coordinator and team parent/guardians for questions and come to recreational staff for team concerns
- Be patient, organized, and dependable
- Transportation is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to and from all practices and games. It is not the responsibility of the youth sports coach to provide transportation to any participant in this program other than their own child/children
- Teach registered participants the fundamentals of the sport

Thank you for donating your time and for your continued support of youth in our community!