



Coaching Application Form



Applicant's Legal Last Name				Applicant's Legal First Name				M I	Date of Birth				
Street Address				City				ST		Home Phone Number			
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Email Address								Alternate Phone Number					
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Social Security Number				Position: (please circle)				Preferred Age Level: (please circle)					
				Head Coach		Asst. Coach		4-5	6-8	9-10	11-12	13-18	
Name of child whose team I would like to coach								Have you ever coached children before? Y N					
								If Yes, provide experience:					
Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Y N If yes, explain													

Coaching Code of Conduct Agreement

As a successful coach or manager of DTGS, I agree that I will follow the following rules in addition to the rules set forth by ASA, DTGS, and Indianapolis Parks and Recreation. I also understand that by signing below, I agree to follow the DTGS Code of Conduct that is available for my review on www.dtgs.org and that it is my responsibility to check regularly for updates/changes to the Code of Conduct.

1. I will read and be knowledgeable of the rules and procedures of ASA and DTGS and will teach those rules to the players.
2. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach/manager and that the game is for the children, not the adults by encouraging good sportsmanship through positive support for all players, coaches and umpires at every game, practice, and/or event.
3. I will treat each player as an individual, remembering to place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
4. I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all players.
5. Before, during and after the game, coaches should be an example of dignity, patience and positive spirit. Before a game, introduce yourself to the opposing coach and to the referee. Shake hands. During the game, you are responsible for the sportsmanship of your players. If one of your players is disrespectful, irresponsible or overly aggressive, take the player out of the game at least long enough for him/her to calm down. During the game, you are also responsible for the conduct of the parents of your players and the conduct of spectators rooting for your team. It is imperative to explain acceptable player and parent/spectator behavior in a pre-season meeting to ensure that they exhibit maturity and good sportsmanship at all times. Encourage parents to applaud and cheer for good plays by either team. Discourage anyone from yelling at players, coaches or umpires. Respect the coaches and players of the opposing team before, during and after the game. Take the appropriate steps in a timely fashion to minimize running up the score in games you clearly dominate. Remember to promote the concept that softball is a game. The players and coaches on the other team are opponents, they are not enemies. After the game, thank the opposing team and umpire(s) and ask your players to do the same.
6. If you have a major complaint, or if you think the umpire was unfair, biased, unfit or incompetent, please report your opinion to DTGS in *writing*. Follow up with your league representative if necessary. Your reactions will be taken seriously if they are presented objectively and formally.
7. Teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
8. Absolutely no profanity or alcohol at the park. No smoking while on the diamonds or in the dugouts.
9. A background check, required by the Department of Parks and Recreation, will be performed to insure the safety of the children.
10. Every coach will attend a coaching clinic (minimal fee), also required by the Department of Parks and Recreation.
11. Every coach will be required to attend a coaching techniques clinic as required by DTGS.
12. Each coach will also be required to have adequate help, as determined by the board, at all mandatory work days. Failure to do so will result in Opening Day one-game suspension.
13. Managers and coaches should attempt to study and know the rules of the game.

Consequences for non-compliance as ruled by the Sportsmanship Committee of DTGS:

1. A verbal warning from DTGS and/or written reprimand for the DTGS file.
2. A one-game suspension (unable to be at the park during the game).
3. Any further problems will result in removal from coaching position for the remainder of the season and serious consideration will need to be taken before allowing the manager/coach back into the program the following year.

By signing below, I understand that if I witness or am involved in a situation that is extreme or inappropriate, I should complete a comment/complaint form. I understand that the baseball and softball sports committees will review the situation and make a determination. Their decision will be made based on the current year's behavior guidelines (copies available upon request). I also understand all statements made above and will do my best to uphold these. I will conduct myself in a manner that reflects positively upon D.Y.A.A. and the children involved.

I also understand that I have provided my legal name, date of birth, and social security number. This data will be used to perform a background check to look for possible crimes that could place a child in danger. I also understand that failure to provide the following information will *not* deny access to my background information; information may still be obtained. I further understand that any information obtained could lead to my removal from my volunteer position. I may also be denied a future volunteer position at Decatur Youth Athletic Association. Finally, I understand that this procedure is necessary to protect the children that participate in D.Y.A.A. activities and any information obtained will be kept strictly confidential.

Signature of Applicant

Date Signed

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Approved: Y N

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