
COACH RESPONSIBILITIES POLICY

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PURPOSE

Identify the requirements and expectations of coaching with Inter Tribal Sports athletic leagues.

POLICY

Coaches play an integral role in the programs and leagues offered by Inter Tribal Sports (ITS). No matter if they are paid staff or volunteers, coaches take on an enormous responsibility that cannot be understated.

General Responsibilities

Coaches shall teach the fundamentals, skills, and rules of the sport. They are responsible for the players on their team and providing a safe environment to learn as well as have positive experiences. Coaches shall serve as a role model for sportsmanship and positive leadership to all young athletes.

Qualifications

Coaches must be able to perform the essential functions of the responsibilities outlined herein as well as meet the minimum qualifications listed below.

- **Clear background check based on 300.1 Background Check Policy**
- Head Coaches must be at least 18 years old and may not participate on the same team they are coaching.
- Assistant Coaches must be at least 16 years old and may only coach in C-League and D-League to help a registered/certified head coach.
- Successful completion of all ITS required paperwork and information.
- Attend any scheduled meetings or trainings.
- Agree to participate in a manner that is consistent with the philosophy of ITS.
- Abide by all policies, procedures and code of ethics as established by **ITS**.
- Must be in good standing **with** ITS.
- Meet any additional qualifications imposed by their specific tribe/tribal organization.

Game Day Responsibilities

In order for leagues and games to run smoothly it is important that coaches are organized, adhere to all ITS board-approved policies, understand and self-enforce all league rules, and adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Arrive before your scheduled game time and make sure all players are in proper uniforms, equipment is ready, and that the team is warmed up and ready to play at the scheduled game time.

2. Resolve any player eligibility disputes 48-hours prior to the game.
3. Fill out scoresheets and line-up cards (softball only) in advance of the scheduled game time and in their entirety. Always include first and last names as they appear on the official roster (no nicknames) and uniform numbers.
4. Adhere to all elements of the Coaches Code of Conduct at all times, including showing respect to officials, scorekeepers, facility staff, and opposing coaches and players at all times.
5. Monitor and regulate the behavior and conduct of your players at all times.
6. Help prevent inappropriate behavior and language by spectators and affiliates of your team.
7. Be positive. Remember that your behavior, comments, and actions during the game have a direct impact on the behavior of players and spectators.
8. Ensure that all equipment and litter is removed from bench area/dugout immediately following the game.

RELATED INFORMATION

Inter Tribal Sports Documents:

[Coaches Certification \(Google Form\)](#), [League Rules \(see Sport Specific\)](#)

Inter Tribal Sports Related Policies:

[200.2 Coach Certification Policy](#); [200.3 Coach Conduct and Ethics Policy](#); [200.4 Identification Badge Policy](#); [300.1 Background Check](#)

Related Links:

www.intertribalsports.org → [Team Central](#) → [Coach Corner](#) → [ITS Rules and Policies](#)