



## **Role: Assistant Coach**

The primary role of the Assistant Coach is to provide direct support, encouragement, and assistance to the team's coaches and players. This role creates an opportunity to build community with youth players, develop coaching skills, and gain valuable coaching experience. This position may be filled by either a volunteer parent or high school softball player. Please carefully consider other commitments, activities (e.g. high school), jobs, social needs, etc. prior to committing to this role for the season.

### **Expectations**

1. Attend start of season Umpire Clinic as an observer
2. Attend start of season Coaches Clinic
3. Attend and participate in assigned team's practices and games. Any absences must be communicated in advance with head coach. Absences should be kept to a minimum with 100% attendance at team functions the goal.
4. Attend team functions like HS Youth Night, Picture Day, End of Season Party, and other scheduled team-building activities where coaches are asked to participate.
5. Provide instruction to youth players during practices and games (similar to Summer Instructional sessions).
6. Provide game and player insights and recommendations to coaches.
7. Understand that the team's head coach is the leader of the team and has final decision authority.
8. Assist coaches as may be requested from time to time.

### **Team Opportunities**

1. 10U Recreation (games on Mondays and Wednesdays)
  2. 12U Recreation (weekend practices and games two times a week)
  3. 14U Recreation (weekend practices and games two times a week)
  4. 10U/12U Competitive (weekend practices and games one to two times a week)
- Note: Practice and game days will be available in mid-May

### **Skills for this Role**

1. Have a positive, patient, and encouraging approach to working with players and coaches.
2. Possesses organization skills and ability to keep commitments.
3. Ability to relate your understanding of the game and playing skills to players that possess varying degrees of understanding and abilities.
4. Have a good working knowledge of game rules and play, and able to relate this information to players and coaches.
5. High Schooler Only: Ability to demonstrate your softball skills (e.g. throwing, catching, batting, fielding, pitching, etc.).

### **Estimated Time Commitment**

1. Practices: Start mid-May prior to regular season (approximately 6 scheduled practices)
2. Games: Approximately 12-14 games during regular season (7 weeks)
3. 10U Recreation: Late May through end of July
4. All other leagues: Mid-May through end of July

**High Schooler Stipend:** \$175 for season (will be decreased if commitments are not honored)

**Information:** Contact [vagsawi@gmail.com](mailto:vagsawi@gmail.com) with questions or if interested in this role.