

# Role: Coach

The primary role of the Coach is to provide direct encouragement and development to the team's players. This role creates an opportunity to build community with youth players, develop coaching skills, and gain valuable coaching experience. The success as a coach is not measured by the season's record but more by the impact you had on the players. Leave the season with the players wanting to return next year. Please carefully

consider other commitments, activities, jobs, etc. prior to committing to this role for the season.

# **Expectations**

- 1. Learn as much as you can about the sport of softball
- 2. Attend start of season Umpire Clinic as an observer
- 3. Attend preseason Coaches Clinic and Coaches Kick-off meeting
- 4. Schedule and organize team's practices (maximize time together)
- 5. Game management (reschedules, set example of sportsmanship, etc.)
- 6. Attend team functions like HS Youth Night, Picture Day, and End of Season Party.
- 7. Schedule other team-building activities as needed to build a strong team community.
- 8. Organize communication efforts (communicate regularly)
- 9. Work closely with Team Parent valuable communication and organization resource
- 10. Work with Team Parent to schedule and host Parent Meeting
- 11. Make sure field maintenance is completed following every game
- 12. Successfully pass background check and be ASA certified

### **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, enthusiastic, and encouraging approach to working with players, coaches, and parents.
- 2. Possesses organization and listening skills.
- 3. Ability to keep commitments (on-time for practices and attends all events).
- 4. Ability to relate your understanding of the game and playing skills to players that possess varying degrees of understanding and abilities (provide appropriate feedback to players).
- 5. Have a good working knowledge of game rules and play, and able to relate this information to players and coaches.
- 6. Be a good role model and is respectful of players, parents, and officials.
- 7. Able to make playing softball fun and enjoyable for the team.

# **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

**Information:** Contact <u>vagsawi@gmail.com</u> with questions or if interested in this role.