

## HOW DO WE RECRUIT COACHES?

Provo Parks and Recreation recruits hundreds of coaches each year to coach the many sports offered in our youth programs. These coaches are all volunteers, the majority of which are parents.



Many people ask us how we find coaches and why not all of the teams have coaches before games begin. The first place we go to find coaches is to the parents of the participants. Parents tend to have a vested interest and are usually more available to be at games. Provo Parks and Recreation also recruits a few volunteers from the local universities and other sources. As always, your willingness to help coach a team is always appreciated.

## “WHAT IF I WANT TO BE INVOLVED BUT HAVE LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF THE SPORT?”

There are resources available to you, if you feel you have a limited knowledge of a particular sport. The Parks and Recreation Department often offers clinics, brochures, and manuals which include valuable information that can help even the most experienced coaches. Another great resource for coaching information, drills, and practice ideas is the internet. By using a search engine, you will be amazed at the amount of information that can be accumulated from one search. The best coaches aren't always sports experts. Often, the best coach a child can have is one who is organized, likes to have a good time, and gives positive reinforcement.



## “WHAT IF THERE ISN'T A VOLUNTEER COACH FOR MY CHILD'S TEAM?”

If there are no parent volunteers from a school area, we go through the process of calling each member of the team to ask for a parent volunteer. If you receive calls such as these, please seriously consider if you might be able to help and call us back. If no parent volunteers at that point, the referee or program coordinator will take the coaching information out to the first game and ask the parents there, at which point, one parent always steps forward. In many cases, this parent is one who has coached before and was hoping another parent might take the responsibility for a season. If more than one parent volunteers to coach a team, the assigned coach will be whoever registered first.

Because of the time and number of coaches needed, Provo Parks and Recreation is unable to pay coaches for their time. Having coaches on a volunteer basis also allows us to keep participant costs as low as possible. We hope that you understand this and that it leads you to have respect and patience for the coach of your child's team. Although we can't pay coaches, the Recreation Division does offer an incentive to coaches at the end of each season to thank them for their time and commitment.

## BACKGROUND CHECKS

In order to ensure that your child is safe with his or her coach, each coach is subjected to an extensive background check. Anyone who fails to pass the background check will be notified by a Provo Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator and will be unable to hold a coaching position. If you ever have serious concerns regarding your child's coach, please contact Provo Parks and Recreation so that your concerns can be acted upon. Ultimately, the best way for you to control the quality of your child's coach, is to take initiative and coach yourself.



If you or anyone in your household would be willing to coach a team, please call Provo Parks and Recreation at 801-852-6600.



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## COACHING POLICY



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