



WINTER 2024
VOLUNTEER COACHES
APPLICATION



BULLOCH COUNTY
recreation
and parks

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Dear Coach,

Basketball and Wrestling season have arrived once again and it is now time to get ready for the 2024-2025 season, and we need your help. All interested volunteers are encouraged to get involved so that we can make this season another great one for the kids.

If you are interested, please fill out the attached *Volunteer Coaches Application* completely! This needs to be turned into the Main Office (Honey Bowen Building) on Fair Road by **FRIDAY, November 22nd**. Office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm. **If you know of anyone else who is interested in coaching or helping you, please have them come by the office to pick up an application ASAP!** Please be aware that completing the application does not guarantee a coaching position. The Recreation Department will notify you if you are assigned to a team. You will also need to check posted teams on the day they are posted to see team placement and upcoming practice schedules.

ALL COACHES MUST BE CERTIFIED PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SEASON. IN ORDER TO GET CERTIFIED, EACH COACH MUST ATTEND THE HANDS-ON CLINIC/RULES MEETING FOR THE LEAGUE THEY ARE COACHING. If you cannot attend any of these meetings, please notify:

BASKETBALL: Austin Stanford at astanford@bullochrec.com or (912) 489-9083.

**BASKETBALL COACHES AND RULES MEETING
TBD**

WRESTLING: Ashton Faircloth at afaircloth@bullochrec.com or (912) 489-9057

**WRESTLING COACHES MEETING
TBD**

The video clinic will be done online at your convenience. Go to coachsafely.org to complete the online training.

Please consider giving your time this year to help the youth in our community have a great Basketball and Wrestling season!

Sincerely,

Ashton Faircloth
Athletic Program Supervisor

Policies and Procedures for Athletic Coaches

Volunteer Coach

BCRP welcomes all volunteers who meet the requirements to become a coach. However, during games there is a limit of 3 coaches who can actively work with a single team. Extra volunteers are welcome during the practice session if they have met the requirements of the BCRP.

Application

Any person wishing to volunteer as a coach must fill out an application and consent form. The coaching application is an information sheet that allows the recreation department's staff to keep important information about coaches on file. The criminal background check form allows the Bulloch County Sheriff's Department to retrieve any criminal records. Applicants with records on file must meet with the **Athletics Division Manager** to be allowed to coach. A new application must be completed each season.

Required Training

To coach in our league, coaches must be certified through NAYS. NAYS is a national organization whose sole purpose is to make youth sports better for kids. Coaches will receive a certificate of completion once the course is passed.

Volunteer Coach Evaluation

All volunteer coaches for the BCRP are monitored throughout the season. The staff attempts to ensure that the coaches:

- **Have a thorough understanding of first aid principles in case an injury occurs**
- **Organize practices that are fun and challenging for all the players**
- **Demonstrate fair play and sportsmanship**
- **Have knowledge of rules for the sport that he/she coaches**

Guidelines For a Coach's Expulsion

BCRP maintains the right to suspend the coaching privileges of any individual who they feel is unable to carry out the responsibilities of a youth sports coach.

Coach Selection

1. Prospective coaches must apply for team assignments by obtaining a coach's application from the Administration Offices (county-wide) or Athletic Program Supervisors. This form must be completed and returned during the designated participation registration dates for that sport. This form must be completed on a season-to-season basis no matter how long you have coached in the program.
2. All coaches must complete a coach's application including a Background Consent Form to be considered for a head or assistant coach position in all athletic programs. A criminal background check is mandatory for **ALL** coaches. A written authorization form allowing BCRP to order an individual criminal background is required. Individual applicants shall be disqualified from the coach selection process if they are convicted of the following:
 - **Any crimes against children**
 - **Any felony conviction involving violence**
 - **Any sexual offense**
 - **Any substance abuse offense**

Said staff should approve the list of coaches based on the following criteria:

- **Previous coach evaluation(s) and incident report reviews**
 - **Years of experience**
 - **Playing or other coaching experience**
 - **Perceived coaching effectiveness**
 - **Parent evaluation of coach**
 - **Experience in developing players and past practice frequency**
- The Athletic Staff will review all coaching applications on a first come/first serve basis.
 - Applicants will be discussed and evaluated by the Athletic Supervisor based on experience and attributes that would be of the most value to the league and to the players.
 - Applicants must be approved by Athletic Supervisor and Athletics Division Manager.
 - The number of teams in a division will determine the number of coaches.
 - A coach returning to the same age group for the same sport will have the first opportunity to coach a team again, if he or she meets the other requirements listed as criteria.
 - An assistant coach who helped coach that team will be next in line for the team he or she helped with.
 - A coach who coached that sport last year in another age group will have the first opportunity to move up or down in the age groups, when an opening occurs.
 - A coach from the previous sport will be next in line.
 - Volunteers will be recruited from interested people in that sport.
 - Parents from the team without a coach will be next in line for coaching.
 - No Head Coach or Assistant Coach may change teams while he or she has a child playing in the same age group which he or she is coaching.
 - An assistant coach may change to become a Head Coach, if last year's Head Coach does not return to the team he assisted.

3. All Head and Assistant Coaches must attend the required coach's clinics each year in each sport he or she wishes to coach. Failure to attend will cause loss of his or her team. **Coaches will not be allowed to conduct practices or games on county facilities until the certification is completed or renewed.** This is the responsibility of the league coordinator, that all league coaches have completed the above clinics.

4. Each team is allowed to have a Head Coach and up to Assistant Coach only. After team assignment postings are complete, any parent who would like to assist the coaches may do so if they meet BCRP requirements. However, during the game, there is always a 3-coach limit.

Rules for Coaches

1. Coaches will study the rules of the game, observe the rules, and attempt to improve themselves through the knowledge of the sport.
2. Coaches should remember that you are out there for the **CHILDREN** and not to draw attention to yourself but encourage the children in learning and playing.
3. Coaches should shape their character and conduct to be a worthy example to the youth under their jurisdiction.
4. Coaches should be fair and unbiased in their decisions regarding the playing of children.
5. Coaches should cooperate and be professional in their association with fellow coaches and **Officials**. They should avoid any activity that would cause them or the Recreation Department public embarrassment.
6. Coaches should be dignified, courteous, positive, friendly, calm, and always alert; they should never be rude, arrogant, or overbearing during practice and games.
7. Coaches should keep in mind that the children are more important than the game or the ambitions of any player or parent.
8. Coaches will not use tobacco products, drugs, or alcoholic beverages on or in the vicinity of playing field on the day of a game or during practice.
9. All coaches are responsible for returning their team's equipment after their last game. (Only Baseball/Softball)
10. Any coach having knowledge of players in the league or tournament recreational league in a Recreation Department or GRPA tournament under false age or identification will be suspended indefinitely.
11. All-Star Coaches, upon accepting the responsibility to coach, are required to accompany their team to all playoffs. Failure to do so will result in immediate suspension from the program.

Game Participation Rules

- A. Coaches not playing their players the required time must start the players the next game and let them play their required playing time for both games.
- **Penalty:** For failure the second time, the coach will be suspended for 1 game.

Any coach acting in any un-sportsmanlike manner or in any way that could prove detrimental to the league, players, officials, or spectators will be subject to disciplinary action by the Recreation Department.

Disciplinary actions will be imposed on Head or Assistant Coaches regarding:

- A. Language unbecoming to the league (suspension next game and must leave the park).
 - B. Fighting (suspension indefinitely).
 - C. Touching or striking an official (suspension).
 - D. Un-sportsmanlike conduct at an athletic event (suspension next game and must leave the park).
 - E. Damage to recreation property (suspension indefinitely).
 - F. Thrown out of a game (suspension indefinitely).
 - G. Failure to follow return to play protocols. (suspension indefinitely)
- **Second offense of any of the above infractions will result in coaching status review by Staff and Director before being allowed to coach another game.**

Volunteer Sports Coaches Application

(You must be 18 or older to be a volunteer coach)

NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CELL PHONE # _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Basketball

Wrestling

Which group would you like to coach?

- Short Stuffs (5 & 6 years old)
- Tiny Mite Boys (7 & 8 years old)
- Tiny Minor Girls (7-9 years old)
- Minor Boys (9 & 10 years old)
- Midget Boys (11 & 12 years old)
- Midget Girls (10 & 12 years old)

Indicate area you would like to coach in:

- Brooklet Portal
- Nevils Statesboro
- Stilson

Staff Contact: Austin Stanford: 912-489-9083 or
astanford@bullochrec.com
Ronnie Melton: 912-842-2443 or
rmelton@bullochrec.com

Which group would you like to coach?

- Flea (5-7 years old)
- Tiny Mite (8-10 years old)
- Minor (11-13 years old)
- Major (14-15 years old)

Staff Contact: Ashton Faircloth (912) 489-9057 or
afaircloth@bullochrec.com

Do you have a child participating in our program: Yes No

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

If no child, are you a college student? Yes No If yes are you coaching for a class? Yes No

Is there someone you are interested in coaching with? _____

I, the undersigned, understand that as a coach of a youth sports league, I will be expected to follow all the rules and regulations set forth by Bulloch County Recreation and Parks and attend all required training courses. I also understand that a failure to comply with all the rules can result in my termination as a volunteer coach.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please submit applications and driver's license to:
Ashton Faircloth: afaircloth@bullochrec.com or BCRP PO Box 408, Statesboro, GA 30459

Coaches' Code of Ethics

- Place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- Treat each player as an individual remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- Provide a safe playing situation for all players.
- Review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of the players.
- Organize practices that are fun and challenging for all the players.
- Lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all players.
- Provide a sports environment for the team this is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- Be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach and teach these rules to the players.
- Use coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.

Disciplinary Procedures

Coaches found to be in violation of any of the policies and procedures set forth in this manual will be addressed as follows:

First Violation: Verbal Counsel of violation with exceptions for compliance with written documentation by the **athletic supervisor and league coordinator.**

Second Violation: Written warning of violation with expectations for compliance by the **athletic supervisor (suspension for 2 games).**

Third Violation: Suspension from coaching any sport with BCRP and written expectations of compliance by the **athletic supervisor.**

- **Any Confirmed Violations may result in immediate dismissal**

Appeals Process

This process involves any Parent/Coach or spectator wishing to appeal a formal parks and recreation staff decision regarding a suspension, probation or dismissal from a department sponsored activity or program.

Any person may appeal against an action made by the department by writing, in detail, within five calendar days of action taken by department officials. Appeals may be brought to the administrative office Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00pm or mailed to Attention: Athletics Division Manager, P.O. Box 408, Statesboro, GA, 30459. The Athletics Division Manager will review the Appeal, and the principals involved in the action and a decision rendered regarding the appeal within two weeks of receiving a written request.

ANY POLICE OR PROCEDURE NOT COVERED IN THIS MANUAL WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE BULLOCH COUNTY RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT AS INDIVIDUAL AND GENERAL SITUATIONS OCCUR.

Printed Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

**BULLOCH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION CONSENT/INQUIRY FORM**

I hereby authorize Bulloch County Board of Commissioners / Ashton Faircloth to conduct an inquiry for the
Agency/Company
 Purpose(s) listed below and receive and Georgia and/or national criminal history record information as authorized
 by state and federal law.

Name				
Address				
Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Social Security Number	Telephone

This authorization is valid for 30 days from date of signature

I, _____, give consent to the above-named
 entity to perform periodic criminal history background checks for the duration of my employment.

 Signature Date

 Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 18 years of age) Date

SHERIFF'S OFFICE PERSONNEL ONLY

Date of Inquiry _____ Time of Inquiry _____ Operator's Initials _____

Purpose Code Used (check all that apply)

	E - Employment
	J- Civilian Criminal Justice Employment
	M- Working with Mentally Disabled
	N- Working with Elderly
X	W- Working with Children
	Z- Sworn Criminal Justice Employment

The inquiry resulted in the following (check all that apply)

	No Criminal Record Available
	Criminal Record (Attached/Released)
	No NCIC/GCIC Warrant
	Possible NCIC/GCIC Warrant (List Wanting Agency Below)

Wanting Agency Name / Telephone _____

 Agency Designee Signature and Title Date

MUST ATTACH A COPY OF VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE OR STATE ISSUED PHOTO I.D.

RECEIVED BY: _____ DATE: _____