



Thank you for your interest in volunteering as a coach for the SWPRD's Youth Dodgeball League. This exciting program has been a great success the past couple of years and hope it will continue to grow.

Please find enclosed a coach contract and a Southeastern Security background check form. Because coaches will be working with children, we must run a background check for crimes against children or vulnerable adults. Please take a few minutes to complete both forms and return to the SWPRD office by Monday, November 3rd.

You will be provided with an official rule book, so don't worry if you're not sure about the rules and specifics in advance. As a coach, your participation will be needed at a few upcoming activities:

Coach Meeting / Draft / Info

Monday, November 3, 5:30PM, at LMS Multipurpose Gym

Games

Wednesday evenings, Nov 5 – December 17 (except November 26). Game schedule based on number of teams.

“Practices”

Optional, as you schedule them, or as the coaches agree between them. This is really just an opportunity for the kids to play more dodgeball and get more exercise. We often reserve the gym for Friday evenings.

Once again, thank you for your support and willingness to volunteer as a coach. We are looking forward to a fun and successful season. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (360)221-6788 or programs@whidbey.com.

Sincerely,

Carrie Monforte
Program Coordinator

YOUTH VOLUNTEER COACH CONTRACT

I _____, wish to participate in the South Whidbey Parks & Recreation District's Youth Dodgeball League, as a volunteer coach/manager. I hereby recognize that youth volunteer coaches serve a vital need in helping provide positive recreation activities for youth. Further, I understand that serving as a volunteer coach, I will be setting examples for the youth I am coaching, and will strive to uphold a high set of ideals and standards in regards to sportsmanship and fair play. I agree to abide by all rules and procedures set forth by the South Whidbey Parks & Recreation Department, including, but not limited to:

- 1) Not using, or being under the influence of alcohol or using tobacco products while being associated with this program, including games, practices or league meetings.
- 2) Not using profanity, obscene gestures or comments, or abusive language to players, parents, officials, administrators or any other persons associated with this program.
- 3) Striving to always be positive towards my players and treating each player fairly, realizing that each player has the right to participate and have fun.
- 4) Stressing the importance of sportsmanship and fair play while teaching skill development and teamwork. Wanting to win is okay, but not at the expense of the ideals and fundamentals of the game.
- 5) Certify that I do not have a criminal background that prohibits my working or associating with youth, or have displayed any improper conduct that should prohibit my working or associating with youth.
- 6) AGREE TO ALLOW A CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK BY THE SOUTH WHIDBEY PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT WITH THE SOUTHEASTERN SECURITY CONSULTANTS, INC. Please complete attached form.
- 7) I assume all risks of injury incurred or suffered by me while at or participating in this activity.

I have read this document in its entirety, and agree to abide by all terms of this agreement. Further, I realize that failure to abide by any or all of the above items are grounds for immediate termination of this position. My signature below verifies this fact.

Name (Print) _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Signature _____ Day Phone _____

Address _____ Evening Phone _____

Signature of legal guardian (if volunteer is a minor) _____

Email Address _____ Cell Phone _____

Shirt Size (Adult Small – 2XL) _____ Are you trained in First Aid ☐ CPR ☐

Experience coaching or working with children in other leagues or youth organizations: _____

References

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

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COACHING CONTRACT/GUIDELINES FOR YOUTH DODGEBALL PROGRAM

I understand that my responsibilities as a youth coach are of great importance and that my actions have the potential to significantly influence the young athletes whom I coach. Therefore, I promise to uphold the following rights of young athletes to the best of my ability.

- I. Right to participate in sports.
- II. Right to participate at a level commensurate with each child's maturity and ability.
- III. Right to have qualified adult leadership.
- IV. Right to have sports be a safe experience, free from abuse and violence.
- V. Right to play as a child not as an adult.
- VI. Right of children to share in the leadership and decision-making of their sport participation.
- VII. Right to proper preparation for participation in sports.
- VIII. Right to equal opportunity to strive for success.
- IX. Right to be treated with dignity.
- X. Right to have fun in sports.

GUIDELINES FOR COACHING YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM NON-ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR

- I. Any youth coach/volunteer that yells, touches or harasses a coordinator, official, player on any team, or coach/volunteer.
- II. At no time will a coach/volunteer have drugs, alcohol or tobacco around youth dodgeball oriented events. This includes but is not limited to practices, clinics, games, pre-season parties, post-season parties or any other event that involves the youth league participants.
- III. Verbal complaints from participant's parents will be placed in a file. Depending on the amount of complaints and reasons, a volunteer/coach may be disciplined based upon on the severity of the complaints.
- IV. Not showing up for a scheduled practice or game without notifying a assistant coach or team parent helper. This also includes arriving after practice starts and not leaving before all children are properly picked up.
- V. Not going through the proper channels of communication when dealing with problems that arise within the program. The proper channel is to go through the Program Coordinator first with any problems with players, officials, park supervisors, other volunteer/coaches, spectators or parents.
- VI. Not accepting and adhering to the program's rules, policies and philosophies.
- VII. Not conducting a parents' meeting which are to include discussions of league schedules, team roster, practice schedule and methods of communication.
- VIII. Not maintaining a good and clear communication flow with all players, parents, assistant coaches, volunteers and Program Coordinator.

Name (Print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

**Southeastern Security
Consultants, Inc.**



Background Consent/Release Form

Organization Name: _____

Applicant's Name (printed)

Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Applicant's Address

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I, _____, authorize and give consent for the above named organization to obtain information regarding myself. This includes the following:

- Criminal background records/information
- Sex Offender Registry Checks
- Addresses

I the undersigned, authorize this information to be obtained either in writing or via telephone in connection with my volunteer application. Any person, firm or organization providing information or records in accordance with this authorization is released from any and all claims of liability for compliance. Such information will be held in confidence in accordance with the organization's guidelines.

Print Name:

_____ Date: _____

Signature:
