



**CHAMPAIGN
PARK DISTRICT**

Volunteer Coaching Info

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Who can volunteer?

Parents, students, and interested individuals are welcome. Volunteers may participate as a group (please indicate on application) or as individuals. Volunteer coaching candidates should be at least 18 years of age and are required to pass a criminal background check.

Our Expectations

All volunteer coaches for the Champaign Park District are expected to understand, follow, and model the core values of the Youth Sports programs. These include an emphasis on Sportsmanship, Opportunity, Fun, and Instruction. We believe that winning has less to do with the scoreboard and more to do with these core values. We believe in trying to develop a lifelong passion in being active, whether in sports, the arts, science or nature. We feel that sports provide unique and valuable opportunities in creating confidence, social skills, and fun. Our programs strive to focus on the development of youths as people as much as athletes.

Training

For most sports, coaches training is provided free of charge through the American Sport Education Program online coaching series.

Equipment

All equipment and first aid supplies are provided by the Champaign Park District

What's the next step?

Interested candidates should complete an online Volunteer Coaching Application at <http://champaignparks.com/youth-sports-coaching/>

For even more information

Please check out our website for a list of specific sports pages. Information like league handbooks and rules are listed there. For questions contact Cody Evans at cody.evans@cparkdistrict.com or 217-819-3983.

League	Season	About	Ages	Experience	Apply By	Coaches Meeting	Practices	Games	Other
Youth Soccer	Fall	Our most popular youth program. This is the start of the season for the Fall-Spring League	1st-8th grade. U8, U10, U12, U14 Boys and Girls Leagues	Some previous experience is recommended. *At the U8-U10 level previous experience is not necessary	Late July	Mid-August (Coaches are contacted 1-2 weeks before meeting)	Begin mid-August at least once a week on Tuesdays or Thursdays (middle school leagues 2x a week). Practice times and locations determined by coaches.	Saturdays in September and October (and November, depending on weather). 6 games per season. Location: Dodds Soccer Complex, except for some middle school games.	At the middle school level, some local travel may be required outside of Champaign
	Spring	The second portion of the Fall-Spring League. Some participants will register only for Spring. New teams may need to be created for those players.			Mid-February	Early March	Begin mid-March at least once a week on Tuesdays or Thursdays (middle school leagues 2x a week). Practice times and locations determined by coaches.	Saturdays in April-May. 6 games per season. Location: Dodds Soccer Complex, except for some middle school games.	
Girls Fast Pitch Softball	Summer	Our youth softball program play their games at the Dodds Softball Complex and some other local towns. With seven softball fields, the Dodds Softball Complex is one of the largest complexes in Illinois.	Ages 8-16	Some previous coaching or playing experiences is recommended.	Mid-March	Mid-April	Practices are once a week. Practice times/locations are reserved for teams by the Champaign Park District.	10-game seasons are played on Tues and Thurs nights when playing home games. Away game dates vary. Late May through June and July. Game times are 5:45pm and 8:00pm.	All equipment and first aid supplies are provided by the Champaign Park District
Youth Hoops Basketball	Winter	Our popular basketball program runs throughout the winter all over town. Player registration is done through a district (neighborhood) system.	1st-8th Grade. 1st and 2nd grade leagues are co-ed. Other leagues are gender specific.	Previous coaching or playing experience is recommended. *At the 1st and 2nd grade level previous experience is not necessary	Mid-December	Early January	Practices begin mid-late January and are once a week (7th and 8th grade 2x per week). Times and locations are reserved by CPD for each team at local gyms. Coaches are asked for availability before reservations are determined.	6-game seasons are played on Saturdays. Locations are determined by leagues. Locations include: Leonhard Rec Center, Douglass Community Center, Stratton Elementary, Barkstall Elementary, and some middle school games may be played at other local community gyms.	There are a minimal number of dates that occur during the university vacation schedule. Accommodations can be made to work around this for interested student volunteers.