



CHAMPAIGN PARK DISTRICT SPORTS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



All volunteer coaches for the Champaign Park District are expected to understand, follow and role 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 life long 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. We expect our volunteers to emulate these values.

Parents, students and interested individuals are welcome. People may volunteer together (please indicate on application). Volunteer coaching candidates should be at least 18 yrs old. Interested candidates should complete a Volunteer Application and turn into Hsiung Marler at the Bresnan Meeting Center, 706 Kenwood Road, Champaign IL, 61820; ph. 217-398-2571, fax: 217-398-2563.

People interested in other volunteer opportunities at the Champaign Park District should contact Paul Bady; 217-398-2550.

YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

(SPRING)

COACHES NEEDED

About the Leagues: Our most popular youth program in the Park District. This is the second portion of a Fall-Spring League. Some participants will register exclusively in the Spring. New teams will be created, usually in the 1st and 2nd grade Atom leagues. Coaches are needed for these teams as well as existing teams. Urbana Park District has teams that play in some leagues. The Champaign Park District will pay for coaches interested in taking the ASEP online Youth Soccer Coaches training.

Recommended Experience: Some previous coaching or playing experience is recommended, but not necessary.

When to Apply: Apply before mid February.

Coaches Meeting: Approx 1st week in March. Coaches are usually contacted about one to two weeks out from Coaches Meeting.

Ages: Various Leagues from 1st to 8th grade:

Season: Games begin 1st week in April through mid-May. Typically 7 games.

Game days/Locations: Games are played on a combination of Tuesdays 5:30pm, Thursdays 5:30pm and Saturdays between 8:00am to 1:00pm at the Dodds Soccer Complex. Middle school games may require some games be played in Urbana. Typically two games a week.

Practices: Practices are typically once a week. Practice times and locations are set by coaches. Equipment and first aid supplies are provided by the Champaign Park District.

PONY BASEBALL LEAGUE

(SUMMER)

COACHES NEEDED

About the League: The Champaign Park District Pony teams are moving to a new Urbana Park District League.

Recommended Experience: Some previous coaching or playing experience is recommended.

When to Apply: Apply before mid March.

Skills Assessment, Coaches Meeting and Draft: Approx 1st week in April. Coaches are usually contacted about one to two weeks out from Coaches Meeting.

Ages: 13-14 yrs.

Season: Games begin early May through late July. Approx 16+ games. Possible tournament at end of season.

Game days/Locations: Games are played at various times during the week at locations in Champaign, Urbana, Rantoul and possibly other locations.

Practices: Practices are typically once a week. Practice times/locations are reserved for teams by the Champaign Park District. Equipment and first aid supplies are provided by the Champaign Park District.



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COLT BASEBALL LEAGUE

(SUMMER)

COACHES NEEDED

About the League: The Champaign Park District Colt teams play in an Urbana Park District League.

Recommended Experience: Previous coaching experience is strongly recommended.

When to Apply: Apply before mid to late March.

Coaches Meeting: Approx mid to late April. Coaches are usually contacted about one to two weeks out from Coaches Meeting.

Ages: 15-16 yrs.

Season: Games begin early June through late July. Approx 16+ games.

Game days/Locations: Games are played at various times during the week at locations in Champaign, Urbana, Rantoul and possibly other locations.

Practices: Practices are typically once a week. Practice times/locations are reserved for teams by the Champaign Park District. Equipment and first aid supplies are provided by the Champaign Park District.

GIRLS FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

(SUMMER)

COACHES NEEDED

About the Leagues: Our youth softball program play their games at the Dodds Softball Complex. With seven softball fields in one space the Dodds Softball Complex is one of the largest complexes of it's kind in Illinois. Urbana Park District has teams that play in the leagues.

Recommended Experience: Some previous coaching or playing experience is recommended.

When to Apply: Apply before mid to late March.

Skills Assessment and Coaches Meeting: Mid April. Coaches are usually contacted about one to two weeks out from Coaches Meeting.

Ages: Two (girls only) leagues: Junior Fast-Pitch (9-11 yrs) and Intermediate Fast-Pitch (12-14 yrs).

Season: Games begin early June through late July. Typically 10 games.

Game days/Locations: Games are played on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Game times are 6:00pm and 8:00pm. Games are typically played at the Dodds Softball Complex.

Practices: Practices are usually once a week. Practice times/locations are reserved for teams by the Champaign Park District. Equipment and first aid supplies are provided by the Champaign Park District.

YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

(FALL)

COACHES NEEDED

About the Leagues: Our most popular youth program in the Park District begins in the Fall. This is the first half of a Fall-Spring League. Urbana and Mahomet have teams that play in some leagues. The Champaign Park District will pay for coaches interested in taking the ASEP online Youth Soccer Coaches training.

Recommended Experience: Some previous coaching or playing experience is recommended, but not necessary.

When to Apply: Apply before mid to late July.

Skills Assessment and Coaches Meeting: Mid August. Coaches are usually contacted about one to two weeks out from Coaches Meeting.

Ages: Various Leagues from 1st to 8th grade. Atom 1 (coed), Atom 2 (coed), Bantam 3-4 (coed), Junior 5-6 (coed), Senior Girls 7-8, Senior Boys 7-8.

Season: Games begin early June through late July.

Game days/Locations: Games are played on a combination of Tuesdays 5:30pm, Thursdays 5:30pm and Saturdays between 8:00am to 1:00pm at the Dodds Soccer Complex. Middle school games may require some games be played in Urbana. Usually two games a week.

Practices: Practices are typically once a week. Practice times and locations are set by coaches. Equipment and first aid supplies are provided by the Champaign Park District.



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YOUTH HOOPS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

(WINTER)

COACHES NEEDED

About the Leagues: Our popular basketball program runs throughout the winter all over town. Player registration is done through a district (neighborhood) system. Urbana and Mahomet have teams that play in some leagues. 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. The Champaign Park District will pay for coaches interested in taking the ASEP online Youth Basketball Coaches training.

Recommended Experience: Previous coaching or playing experience is recommended.

When to Apply: Apply before mid October.

Skills Assessment and Coaches Meeting: Early November. Coaches are usually contacted about one to two weeks out from Coaches Meeting.

Ages: Various Leagues from 1st to 8th grade: Girls 3-4, Boys 3, Boys 4, Girls 5-6, Boys 5-6, Girls 7-8, Boys 7-8.

Season: Pre season practices run in late November through December, with breaks around the holidays. Season runs January through early March.

Game days/Locations: Games are always held on Saturdays from 8:00 to 1:00pm. Game locations are dependent upon leagues. Each league plays at a specific gym(s). Game locations include Leonhard Recreation Center, Douglass Community Center, Stratton Elementary Gym, Barkstall Elementary Gym and some middle school games may be played at Brookens Gym in Urbana.

Practices: During pre-season two practices a week. During season practices are typically once a week. Practice times and locations are set by coaches. Practice times/locations are reserved for teams by the Champaign Park District. Once set, practices are consistent in time and location through the season. Coaches are asked for their preferences before reservations are set. Equipment and first aid supplies are provided by the Champaign Park District.

JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

(WINTER)

COACHES NEEDED

About the Program: The Junior Volleyball league is a relatively new and growing program for the Champaign Park District.

Recommended Experience: Previous coaching or playing experience is recommended.

When to Apply: Apply before mid October.

Coaches Meeting: Mid-November. Coaches are usually contacted about one to two weeks out from Coaches Meeting.

Ages: 10-13.

Season: Pre season practices run in early December. Season runs January through early March.

Game days/Locations: Games are always held on Monday evenings. All games are held at the Leonhard Recreation Center.

Practices: Practices are one hour long on Sunday afternoons at the Leonhard Recreation Center. Practice times are reserved for teams by the Champaign Park District. Equipment and first aid supplies are provided by the Champaign Park District.