

# Whitehall Area Youth Association Volunteer Application

Thank you for your commitment to the youth of the Whitehall Area community. Your leadership efforts are appreciated by many people and your influence in the lives of our children will be remarkable. The WAYA requires Background Checks for all individuals in youth leadership positions. This is a precaution to ensure the safety of each child participating in WAYA activities. All information is bound to confidentiality through the Constitution and By-Laws of the WAYA, Inc.

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Middle Name:**

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:**

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**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ext.**

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**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:**

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**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sex:** M F

**Driver's License Number (required):** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:**

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**Social Security Number (required):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade level interested in coaching:** K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8+

**Activity interested in coaching: (please circle all that apply)**

Basketball

Softball

Baseball

Soccer

Volleyball

Football

**Volunteer History:** List experience working with children. Include previous leadership roles in athletic, educational, religious, community services, etc.

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**Training:** List training or certifications related to your volunteer or employment experiences. Include CPR, First Aid, Bloodborne Pathogen, leadership training, ETC.

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**Please turn over to complete registration form.**

**Acts, Crimes, and Offenses that may act as restrictions to working with kids:**

NOTE: The safety of our children is vital. The WAYA must comply with its mission in providing safe activities for kids. In doing so, all volunteers shall complete this questionnaire. "Yes" answers and "flagged" Background Check responses from the State may not BAR your participation, but may RESTRICT your contact with children in the WAYA activities. Your cooperation and interest in child safety is much appreciated.

Yes No Do you have criminal charges pending against you or were you ever convicted of any crime anywhere, including in federal, state, local, military and tribal courts? If yes, list each crime, when it occurred or date of conviction, and the city and state where the court is located.

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Yes No Has any government or regulatory agency ever found that you committed child abuse or neglect? If yes, explain, including when and where it happened:

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Yes No Has any government or regulatory agency ever found that you abused or neglected any person or client? If yes, explain, including when and where it happened:

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Yes No Has any government or regulatory agency ever found that you misappropriated the property of a person or client? If yes, explain, including when and where it happened:

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Yes No Do you have a government issued credential that is not current or is limited so as to restrict you from providing care to children? If yes, explain, including credential name, limitations or restrictions, and time period:

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Yes No Has any government or regulatory agency ever limited, denied, or revoked your license, certification or registration to provide care, treatment or educational services? If yes, explain, including when and where it happened:

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**I understand that the Whitehall Area Youth Association, Incorporated by the State of Wisconsin, follows its mission to have fun, learn new skills, and be good sports through quality recreation programming. I understand the WAYA must provide safety to all persons involved in its programs and thus requires confidential background checks of all volunteers.**

I understand that the information provided above is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that knowingly providing false information or omitting information may result in a forfeiture of up to \$1,000.00 and other sanctions as provided in HFS 12.05 (4), Wis. Adm. Code.

Volunteer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Great Youth Sport Coach is....

**Playing for pure enjoyment....** he supports the fact that playing the game for fun and enjoyment is the primary goal of coaching.

**Praising behavior....** she reinforces the efforts of team players through the use of praise. Trying hard to accomplish a task receives as much attention as accomplishing the task.

**Comparable playing time....**he adheres to the philosophy of allowing each child on the team a comparable amount of playing time, regardless of skill and ability. Comparable playing time helps build self-confidence in children and promotes enjoyment.

**Discipline and structure....** she creates a disciplined team feeling and atmosphere. Team rules are established, rewards are utilized to promote desirable behavior, and fair discipline (temporary removal from a game) are used for undesirable behaviors.

**Children's names....** he refers to children by their first name and avoids the use of negative labels that communicate disrespect.

**Appropriate touch....** she respects the body of a child and only use gentle touch such as high fives, handshakes and pats on the back as a reward or encouragement. Rituals such as tapping a child's buttocks or messing a child's hair are avoided.

**Management of children's feelings...** he helps children recognize feelings of discomfort they may have as a result of the game circumstances such as committing an error or missing a ball. Techniques such as redirecting a child's attention, using transition time, giving children choices, and recognizing them an opportunity to share how they are feeling are all designed to help children meet success both on the field and off.

**Encourages parents' participation...** parental participation in youth sports is critical to a successful community program. Great youth sport coaches encourage maximum parental support and involvement.

**Sportsmanship....** she teaches children to respect the other team's players, coaches, and the game referees. Taunting, harassing, making fun of, and name calling are unwanted styles of communication.

**Safety....** he strongly adheres to the principles and practices of sports safety. Protective gear is mandatory for participation.