



November 23, 2011

Dear Coaches,

Thank you for volunteering to coach for Southport Recreation Association (SRA), an organization which is "all about the kids." Dating back to our beginnings in 1948, our founding principle which remains true today is that all children should have the opportunity participate and have fun in sports, irrespective of skill level or income. Our recreational sports programs build character in such areas as teamwork, sportsmanship, leadership, physical fitness and self esteem. The program also enhances and promotes the development of athletic skill sets in all our programs which include baseball, basketball, and lacrosse. We also are considering the introduction of a volleyball program in 2012.

The Code of Conduct is central to our mission and its lays out the philosophy and expectation of all those who participate in our programs including parents, coaches, and players. Please read and follow our Code.

All the documents that are typically passed out at the coaches meeting are located on our website at [southportrec.org](http://southportrec.org). It cannot be stressed enough to please remember to read all documentation on the website and also fill out the Coaches Waiver and Background check. This must be completed or else you will not be able to coach. After completion, you can place in the mail to SRA, drop off at the Southport Recreation Department during normal business hours, or drop off to any SRA Board Member.

The documents that will be on the website include: *Accident Report, Association Rules, Coaches Waiver and Background Check, Code of Conduct, Concession Stand Schedule (Baseball Only), Introduction Letter (This Letter), Practice Schedule, Additional Practice Space Schedule, Game Schedule, Sign up Information Sheet, Sign Up Form, Parental Waiver and Consent Form, Sponsorship Form, and League Rules for each Division. Due to confidentiality, rosters will not be posted on the website.*

Sign ups will be allowed until games start for each respective division provided that there are slots available. At this moment in time we have slots available at all levels. Updated rosters will be typically be provided via e-mail on a weekly basis until games begin. Any new or player changed/added to a team will be highlighted in bold. Also, please remember to regularly check the "Coaches Corner" on the website which may provide other league updates and new information. Raffle tickets will be distributed to you in December to give to your teams.

Please call your respective teams as soon as you can during the first week of December. Two shirts per team are typically ordered for the coaches. Please let me know via e-mail at [jmroman2121@yahoo.com](mailto:jmroman2121@yahoo.com) the sizes you prefer, otherwise an XL and L will be ordered for you. Shirts will be ordered in early December and should be available during the Christmas winter break or if you prefer at your first game.

Our annual Elmira College Basketball Camp will be held on Sunday, January 22nd from 1PM-4PM. The cost is only \$10 per player. For those interested, sign up by e-mailing [jmroman2121@yahoo.com](mailto:jmroman2121@yahoo.com). Please e-mail me the child's first and last name, male or female, division, e-mail, phone, and grade. Payment will be made when you arrive at the camp on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

There are no concessions at any of our games. If you are aware of any individual or group who would be interested in doing it as a fundraiser, please let me know. It would be a great opportunity to raise some cash. Since we are providing for the event, SRA would look to garner a small fee of net proceeds. Based on our experience, typical gross proceeds from one night of concessions at basketball would be anywhere from \$50-\$200 depending on the night and number of games.

Game reporting this year will be done by the coaches. Please report your game no later than the Friday each of week of your games. Please e-mail JJ Graham at [jjgraham@hilliard.com](mailto:jjgraham@hilliard.com). Please include the name of your team and opposing team, the score, the date, and the division. Failure to report by this timeframe will result in the game being recorded as a tie.

Please note that once games begin, there are no league sanctioned scheduled practices due to limited gym space. However, you can practice on your own at any location you can secure as our insurance covers this. In addition, we do have some limited space available for coaches who may be interested. Please consult the Additional Practice Space Schedule, and before you schedule, please call me 731-6877 or e-mail me a [jmroman2121@yahoo.com](mailto:jmroman2121@yahoo.com) to reserve the space.

On a limited basis, for those interested coaches in the Minors, Majors, and Seniors Levels, SRA will sponsor and pay for entrance fees and uniforms to area tournaments. Please let me know if you are interested and which tournament you would like to participate in.

For equipment pick up, please contact Scott Arnold at 734-7718. If there are any questions or suggestions for rules changes, now is the time. Please let any SRA Board Member know and it will be considered.

SRA is also in need of new Board Members. Please contact us if you or anyone you know may be interested.

If you have any questions, please call 731-6877 and thank you again for coaching and dedicating your time for benefit of the children of our community.

Thank You

Joe Roman, SRA Board of Directors

