



Dear Coaches,

May 28, 2011

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.

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

All the documents that are typically passed out at the coaches meeting are located on our website at 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 when you are at Chapel Park.

The documents that will be on the website include: *Accident Report, Association Rules, Baseball Rosters, Coaches Waiver and Background Check, Code of Conduct, Concession Stand Schedule, Practice Field Schedule, Game Schedule, Sign up Information Sheet, Sign Up Form, Parental Waiver and Consent Form, Sponsorship Form, League Rules for Tee Ball, Minors, and Majors, Pioneers Baseball Camp.*

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 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.

Please call your respective teams as soon as you can during the week of May 30th - June 3rd. If you are ready, practices can begin the week of May 30-June 3rd. Two shirts per team are typically ordered for the coaches. Please let us know the sizes you prefer, otherwise an XL and L will be ordered for you.

Our annual Elmira Pioneers summer camp will be held on Saturday, June 25th from 11AM-1PM. The cost is \$30 per player and includes the camp, free admission to the Pioneers game that night, and also a free hot dog and drink at the game. Sign up at the SRA concession stand during any game night.

Each team is assigned some nights to work the concession during the season. Please check the concession stand schedule when it is uploaded on the website later this week.

On a limited basis, for those interested coaches in the Minors and Majors Levels, SRA will sponsor and pay for entrance fees and uniforms to area baseball tournaments. More information on this will follow at a later date.

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 at 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