

# FOSTER CITY YOUTH SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

P. O. BOX 4211  
FOSTER CITY, CA 94404

## APPLICATION TO COACH - 2009

The FCYSA Board of Directors would like to thank you for your interest in coaching with Foster City Youth Softball.

Coaching is a privilege, not a right, in Foster City Youth Softball. Coaches and Assistant Coaches are appointed on an annual basis, and coaching a team one season DOES NOT GUARANTEE coaching a team this season. Should a situation arise in which your actions are deemed "not in the best interests of Foster City Youth Softball", the Board may elect to remove you as a Coach or Assistant Coach. Coaches are appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

I AM APPLYING TO BE A: (circle one)                      COACH                      ASSISTANT COACH

I WOULD LIKE TO COACH IN: (circle one):                      14U    12U    10U    8U    6U

COACHING EXPERIENCE \_\_\_\_\_

I WANT TO COACH BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_

IF POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE TO COACH WITH \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME(S) CHILDREN YOU WOULD LIKE TO COACH \_\_\_\_\_

The youth softball coach must be a leader. All coaches must recognize that they hold a position of trust. It is a responsibility in a program that deals with a sensitive and formative period of a youngster's development. It is required that a coach have understanding, patience and the capacity to work with all youngsters. The coach must be aware that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games and championships is secondary, and that the teaching of good sportsmanship, teamwork, honesty, loyalty and respect for authority is of prime importance.

For the position of Coach at the 14U Division, a person should have at least three years official coaching experience within FCYSA, or the equivalent. For the position of Coach at the 12U and 10U levels, a person should have at least two years of official coaching experience within FCYSA, or the equivalent. Assistant coaches at the 14U, 12U and 10U levels should generally have at least one year of official coaching experience or equivalent.

The Coach shall be responsible for the conduct of his or her players, team parents, and team volunteers at all league games and practices. The Coach must demonstrate that he/she has an appreciation for the philosophy of FCYSA, and cooperate with the Board of Directors and others in making the program of mutual benefit to all youngsters.

All Coaches MUST show by example that they respect the judgment and position of authority of the umpire, and at the same time instill in their players a respect for authority of adult leaders in the league. The Coach must exercise a leadership role, but at the same time leave the game in the hands of the players. The Coach must, within FCYSA rules, provide an opportunity for every player to take part in every game.

The Coach must also encourage players at every opportunity. The Coach must know the playing rules of softball and be able to interpret them correctly. The Coach must make every possible effort to correct any violation of the rules before they occur to prevent any protest situation. It is also recommended that all coaches have a basic knowledge of first aid and safety.

*The Board of Directors, by the power vested therein and within the League Bylaws, retains the power to remove any Coach or Assistant Coach from his or her position if his or her actions are viewed as detrimental to the team and/or to the well being of the league. The Coach/Assistant Coach does have the right to a hearing before the Board of Directors in such a case, as outlined in the Bylaws.*

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**I have read both pages of this form. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations stated above for Coaches and Assistant Coaches in Foster City Youth Softball Association.**

**Your signature on this application represents authorization for the Foster City Youth Softball Association Board of Directors to conduct a criminal background check on you, which may be used to decide whether or not you will be approved to coach.**

**Have you ever been convicted of a felony crime? (check one)**       No       Yes

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear 2009 FCYSA Coach Applicants,

Thank you for submitting an application to coach for the spring, 2009 softball season. For those who were involved in the 2008 season, I'm sure you noticed that the league invested heavily in training clinics and ASA ACE training in an effort to create a positive and rewarding experience for all participants, including coaches. Guided by your feedback, we plan to build upon our initial success with additional program enhancements and continued investment in coach support services next season.

Once registration has been completed on December 6th, a committee of board members will review the applications and select the Coaches and Assistant Coaches for each division. Please remember that coaches are appointed on an annual basis. Among other criteria, coaches will be selected based on:

- Knowledge of the game
- Level of prior coaching experience
- Results of the 2008 Positive Coaching Alliance parent and player feedback forms for those who coached in 2008
- Attendance at an ASA ACE and/or Positive Coaching Alliance coach clinic in the last 18 months (clinics will be offered this winter for those who have not recently attended a coach clinic).

All coach applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by their respective division representative as soon as possible after registration. In the meantime, if you have any questions, feel free to contact the division representative or me.

Sincerely,

Adelaide Hulbert  
President, Foster City Youth Softball Association  
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