

Washington Township Parks and Recreation

SPORTS POLICY – VOLUNTEERS

Whereas, the WTPR Youth Sports Programs depend on volunteers for Commissioners, coaches, directors, Advisory Board members, referees, and other program personnel,

Whereas, the WTPR Sports Advisory Board (WTPR SAB) is charged with the responsibility of administrating the WTPR Sports Programs,

Whereas, it is the policy of the WTPR SAB to obtain the best qualified and most dedicated volunteer assistance available,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

1. Volunteers for youth sports program positions as Commissioners, coaches, directors, advisory board members, referees, etc. will be selected by the following process:
 - A. All volunteers will be recommended to the WTPR SAB for approval by the appropriate Sports Advisory Board and subject to seniority within the following criteria in descending order.
 1. Volunteers who satisfactorily served as an Advisory Board Member, Commissioner, League Director, Coach/Manager, in the program during the previous year.
 2. Volunteers who satisfactorily served as assistants or alternates and umpires in the program the previous year.
 3. Volunteers who satisfactorily served in any of the positions but did not participate in the previous year.
 4. New volunteers as recommended by the various youth Sports Advisory Boards.
 5. Volunteers who have satisfactorily participated in a duplicative sports program within the boundaries of Washington Township other than school related.
 6. Volunteers who have been suspended for a period of time, subject to completion of their suspension at the WTPR SAB's discretion.
2. Each advisory board within the WTPR sports program must submit its list of recommended volunteers to the WTPR SAB for duties mentioned prior to the beginning of the sports program
3. The appointment of all volunteers will occur by final resolution of the WTPR SAB. No official functions will be initiated by any individual until appointments are approved by the WTPR SAB.

4. All those coaching in WTPR sports programs are required to attend the Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. Coaches Clinic. The course is a three (3) hour program and those attending must be present the entire three (3) hours.
5. Be it further resolved that:
 - A. The WTPR SAB reserves the prerogative to deny any volunteer who has been subject to two (2) or more suspensions regardless of duration.
 - B. The WTPR SAB reserves the right to deny any volunteer who is not of good moral character or whose criminal history could adversely affect the youth participants.
6. This policy will be attached to and made a permanent policy of all sports bylaws.

This policy has been adopted at a regular meeting of the WTPR SAB on July 21, 2003 and revised on August 18, 2003.