2026-2027 Elkins YMCA
Youth Basketball League Volunteer Coaching Application

The YMCA follows national guidelines established by the YMCA of the USA for the recruitment and management of volunteer coaches.

Coaching applications will be reviewed by league staff and prior performance, conduct, and availability will be considered. League staff also reserve the right to contact and seek input from applicants' listed professional references.

Applications must be submitted by the conclusion of the player registration window. Prospective volunteers will be notified of acceptance or denial prior to the rostering process.

Only league-approved and fully trained individuals may interact directly with players and teams during games and practices.

I would like to volunteer within the following age division: _____ years of experience

○ Age 5-1st Grade ○ 2nd - 3rd Grade ○ 4th - 5th Grade ○ 6th - 8th Grade

_____ _____

Name **Phone Number**

_____

Address

_____ _____ _____

City **State** **Zip Code**

_____ / _____ / _____ _____ _____

Date of Birth **Drivers Licence #** **T-Shirt Size**

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Email

Availability:
The youth basketball league will run weeknights November 2nd-January 2nd (Elementary) or December 28th-February 27th (Middle School). Each team will be assigned practices two nights per week. Games will be scheduled on Saturdays.

If you notice your availability to be a challenge, please reconsider if you will have time to fully commit to volunteering this season.

References: Please list two professional references and their contact numbers.

1) _____ Phone # _____

2) _____ Phone # _____

Code of Conduct for Coaches

- I will demonstrate the YMCA core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility at all times during practice and games
- I will not use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco while in contact with players or on any property that the YMCA is using. Any coach under the influence of alcohol or drugs during practices or games will be suspended from coaching.
- I will not criticize players or officials, or opposing teams, coaches, or fans.
- I will accept the decision of the officials as being fair. Should a concern about an official arise, I will refrain from making comments at the game. I will contact the league coordinator following the game in private to voice my opinion.
- I will keep all sports environments safe and clean at all times and follow all YMCA policies and procedures regarding the use of facilities.
- I will not jeopardize a player's health by allowing them to enter or re-enter a game or practice one they are injured or show signs of distress, injury, or concussion.
- I will always prioritize the development of my players over the desire to win.
- I will refrain from using profane or abusive language toward anyone connected with the game or the organization.
- I will play each child in accordance to minimum playing time rules, and will rotate my players fairly.
- I will respond to players, coaches, staff, and players with respect and consideration and will treat all people equally regardless of sex, race, religion, and culture.
- I will not transport children in my vehicle who are not my own.
- I will not maintain private social media connections, or send private, instant, or direct messages to any minor child participating in the league.
- In order to protect staff, volunteers, and children, at no time during YMCA programming will I be alone with a minor child where they cannot be observed by others. I will never leave any child unsupervised.
- I will work to communicate effectively with parents and staff, and provide notice of any team-specific needs and schedule changes.
- I will abide by league expectations for practices, and to promote fairness within the entire league, will not schedule practices that exceed assigned times or utilizes an unapproved location.

Volunteer Coaching Requirements

- Attendance at a mandatory coaches' meeting with the league coordinator
- Completion and submission of all documentation from an FBI-conducted background check, including associated payment.
- Participation in player evaluations and the league draft, as assigned
- Completion of required concussion and abuse prevention training (must be renewed annually)
- Signed and submitted child safety policy, liability waiver, and code of conduct

Upon successful completion of all required training and onboarding steps, coaches will receive a 50% reimbursement of their child's program registration fee.

Handbook Acknowledgement

To reinforce these standards, coaches receiving technical fouls in games or who engage in foul behaviors outside of gameplay will face consequences that may result in suspension, game forfeits, or expulsion.

I hereby pledge that I will follow this code of conduct, as well as review and comply with guidelines set forth in the Youth Basketball League Handbook. Coaches are responsible for discussing and reinforcing expectations for spectators.

Name (please print): _____ Date _____

Signature: _____

ELKINS-RANDOLPH COUNTY YMCA ADULT PARTICIPANT WAIVER, RELEASE, INDEMNIFICATION OF ALL CLAIMS AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE

NOTICE: THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT. Read this document carefully and in entirety. By signing this agreement, you give up your right to bring a court action to recover compensation or obtain any other remedy for any personal injury or property damage however caused arising out of your participation in Elkins-Randolph County YMCA ("YMCA") programs or use of the facility/equipment, now or at any time in the future.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK I hereby acknowledge and agree that participation in YMCA programs and use of the facility/ equipment comes with inherent risks. I have full knowledge and understanding of the inherent risks associated with participation in activities at the YMCA, including but in no way limited to: (1) slips, trips, and falls, (2) aquatic injuries, (3) athletic injuries, and (4) illness, including exposure to and infection with viruses or bacteria. I further acknowledge that the preceding list is not inclusive of all possible risks associated with participation and that said list in no way limits the operation of this Agreement.

CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19 WARNING & DISCLAIMER Coronavirus, COVID-19 is an extremely contagious virus that spreads easily through person-to-person contact. Federal and state authorities recommend social distancing as a means to prevent the spread of the virus. COVID-19 can lead to severe illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and death. Participating in YMCA programs or accessing the YMCA facilities could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19. The YMCA in no way warrants that COVID-19 infection will not occur through participation in its programs of accessing its facility.

WAIVER, RELEASE, INDEMNIFICATION & COVENANT NOT TO SUE

In consideration of my participation in YMCA programs or use of the facility/ equipment, I, the undersigned participant, agree to release and on behalf of myself, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, and assigns, HEREBY DO RELEASE the YMCA, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, representatives and insurers ("Releasees") from any causes of action, claims, or demands of any nature whatsoever including, but in no way limited to, claims of negligence, which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators and assigns may have, now or in the future, against the YMCA on account of personal injury, property damage, death or accident of any kind, arising out of or in any way related to the use of the YMCA facilities/equipment or participation in the YMCA programs whether that participation is supervised or unsupervised, however the injury or damage occurs, including, but not limited to the negligence of Releasees.

In consideration of my participation in YMCA programming or use of the equipment/facility, I, the undersigned participant, agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS Releasees from any and all causes of action, claims, demands, losses, or costs of any nature whatsoever arising out of or in any way related to my participation. I hereby certify that I have full knowledge of the nature and extent of the risks inherent in participation of YMCA programs or use of the facility/equipment and that I am voluntarily assuming said risks. I understand that I will be solely responsible for any loss or damage, including personal injury, property damage, or death, I sustain while participating in YMCA programming or accessing the facility and that by signing this agreement I HEREBY RELEASE Releasees from all liability for such loss, damage, or death. I further certify that I am in good health and that I have no conditions or impairments which would preclude my safe participation in YMCA programming or accessing the facility.

I further certify that I am legally competent to sign this agreement. I further understand that the terms of this agreement are legally binding and certify that I am signing this agreement, after having carefully read it, of my own free will.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument is duly executed this ____ day of _____, in the year _____.

_____ _____

Participant Signature Participant Name (Print Clearly)