

SWA SafeKids Policy & Coaches Volunteer Application Form 2014

SWA (South Williamson Athletics) is committed to providing a safe environment for SWA sporting activities and to the prevention of abuse and/or sexual misconduct. Coaches and assistant coaches involved in an SWA sporting activities will abide by the following guidelines:

1. Physically and/or verbally abusive behavior toward players, parents, league officials or fans is absolutely forbidden.
2. Physical contact with players must be appropriate and never abusive or violent as defined by Tennessee Law.
3. Coaches must not socialize with the minor children that participate in SWA programs without express knowledge and consent from the child's legal guardians.
4. Coaches should encourage parents to be involved and attend SWA activities and be present to supervise their children.
5. Parents or other adults must be present if a child is to receive any private, individual instruction from a coach or assistant coach.
6. Coaches and any SWA league official will promptly report any behavior or activity they observe that is not consistent with these guidelines including rumors or allegations. The report must be made immediately to the SWA Softball Commissioner or any SWA board member. The matter must not be discussed with any other party prior to such notification.
7. Should any allegations be made, or rumored, no coach will speak to the media or law enforcement official, as a representative of or on behalf of SWA, without the express written consent of the President of SWA. Coaches will work with parents and players to avoid the spreading of unsubstantiated gossip and rumors.
8. When an allegation or accusation of misconduct is properly reported, the SWA board will convene within 48 hours and appoint a special committee to investigate and handle the matter.

COACHES INFORMATION AND CONSENT FOR BACKGROUND CHECK:

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Date of Birth
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Street Address	City, State, Zip
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Driver's License Number	State	Expiration Date	Social Security # (last 6 digits minimum)
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1. Background in Youth Sports:	Position(s)	Date(s)
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2. Address(es) of Previous Residence(s) for the last 5 years:

3. Have you ever been accused or charged with behavior that would violate the SafeKids guidelines as stated above? **YES** **NO** If yes, please explain on the back.

By signing below, I hereby attest that I have answered the questions fully and truthfully and that I will uphold the SWA SafeKids Policy. I authorize SWA to conduct a background check at SWA's discretion and expense. I authorize SWA to verify the above information, along with other information that may be obtained, and waive any right to confidentiality with respect to this information. If requested by SWA, I agree to provide any additional information necessary, including fingerprints. I hereby agree to fully indemnify SWA from any and all expenses, civil damages or liability, including but not limited to attorney fees, from inaccurate or untrue information or from my actions that violate the SWA SafeKids policy stated above.

Signature	Printed Name	Date
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Check performed by:	Date:	Pass (Y/N)	Notes
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