



# SUCCESSFUL SPORTS PARENTING

## Who is a Volunteer?

A volunteer is a person who is willing to help perform any one of the necessary jobs in your organization or your club. Your role as a volunteer is important to sport. You can be actively involved in your child's athletic program and can also be instrumental in strengthening sport in the United States. With a positive attitude and a willingness to lend a hand, you will also have a great impact on your child's athletic environment, and love of his sport.

There are unlimited opportunities to get involved to help in almost any capacity. The rewards are meeting new people, making new friends and having that great feeling that you have helped one of the organizations in which volunteers are the most important people.

Give volunteering a try. Any contribution you can make will be appreciated. Ask the coach of your team what you can do to help. He will appreciate the offer and put you in touch with appropriate people on your team that will place you in an area where your best skills are used to make the experience joyful for everyone on the team. If your club has a booster organization, find out how to join.

### Volunteer Jobs

There are unlimited opportunities to get involved in almost any capacity. Most organizations are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers. Finding a way you can contribute is the most important thing to remember.

**Board Member:** At the club level volunteers are needed to serve on club board of directors, or booster clubs.

**Fund Raiser:** Raising funds is a priority of almost every sports program. It could involve anything from a bake sale to landing a sponsor for your club.

**Public Relations Person:** Promotions within the club and community are important to every team. Those volunteers skilled at public speaking or writing can be useful in this area.

**Data Processor/Clerical:** This area may include billing, team entries, accounts payable, accounts receivable, team newsletters, team results. All of this can be done on the computer. If you possess computer skills, you could be an essential part in the management of your club.

**Hospitality or Social Chairman:** Social events are a fun part of every team. Parties, picnics, awards banquets and parent socials all serve to bond a team together. If you like to organize such functions this maybe the job for you.

**Snack Bar:** The snack bar at a competition can generate tremendous income, especially if items to be sold are donated by the parents or local businesses. Baked goods, fruit and other goodies tend to be very popular.

**Team Representative:** Serve as the club representative or take on another volunteer role within your local or national organization.