

PARK SHARON ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Covenant Statement and Coach/Volunteer/Board Member Application, January, 2008

The members of Park Sharon Athletic Association are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children/youth and volunteers who participate in sports sponsored by PSAA. The following policy statements reflect our commitment as an organization to make PSAA's facilities a place of safety and protection for all who would come to participate in its sporting events.

1. No adult who has been convicted of child abuse (either sexual abuse, physical abuse, or emotional abuse) should volunteer with children/youth in any PSAA sponsored activity.
2. All adult volunteers involved with children/youth must register online for a criminal background check. And such volunteers do agree to wear PSAA Identity badge when on the grounds of PSAA or representing PSAA in a sponsored activity.
3. Adult volunteers with children/youth shall observe the 'Two-Adult Rule' at all times so that no adult is ever alone with children/youth.
4. Adult volunteers with children/youth shall attend regular training and educational events provided by PSAA to keep volunteers informed of Association policies and state laws regarding child abuse.
5. Adult volunteers shall immediately report to a Board member, another coach or Sports Commissioner any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate.

(Circle one that applies): Coach Assistant Coach Volunteer Board Member

Please answer each of the following questions by circling your response:

1.	As a volunteer at PSAA, do you agree to observe and abide by all Association policies regarding volunteering and working with children/youth?	YES	NO
2.	As a volunteer, do you agree to observe the "Two Adult Rule" at all times?	YES	NO
3.	As a volunteer, do you agree to participate in training and education events provided by the Association related to your assignment?	YES	NO
4.	As a volunteer at PSAA, do you agree to promptly report abusive or inappropriate behavior to a Board member or any Sports Commissioner?	YES	NO
5.	As a volunteer at PSAA, do you agree to inform a member of the board or Sports Commissioner if you have ever been convicted of child abuse?	YES	NO

I have read this **Covenant Statement and Coach/Volunteer Application**, and I agree to observe and abide by the policies set forth herein. I recognize that PSAA to which this application is being submitted is relying on the accuracy of the information contained herein. Accordingly, I attest and affirm that all of the information that I have provided is absolutely true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I further authorize any person or entity who may be contacted as a reference to provide PSAA with information, opinion, and/or impressions relating to my background and/or qualifications as relates to this process.

I further voluntarily release PSAA and any such person or entity listed herein from liability involving the communication of information relating to my background or qualifications. I further authorize PSAA or its agent to conduct a criminal background investigation as they deem appropriate.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Print full Name