

**VALLEY YOUTH CONFERENCE
TRACK AND FIELD POLICY
REGARDING VOLUNTEERS**

1. All VYC T&F coaches and volunteers are required to be properly trained and authorized to do their job by appropriate club authority.
2. The federal Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 may grant immunity as a defense from personal liability to those who volunteer for nonprofit organizations from civil suits for ordinary negligence if they were acting within the scope of the volunteer's responsibilities, BUT NOT caused by willful or criminal misconduct, gross negligence, reckless misconduct, or a conscious, flagrant indifference to the rights or safety and the harm was not caused by the volunteer operating a vehicle, vessel or aircraft. It further exempts from coverage any misconduct that constitutes a crime, a sexual offense, a violation of civil rights, or where the volunteer was under the influence of alcohol. The Conference and each Club will not tolerate any such conduct.
3. The VYC T&F recommends that at least two unrelated adults be present when children are being supervised and that at least one adult be of the same gender as the children being supervised.
4. Volunteers need to avoid situations, including transporting children in a car, in which they are alone with a child other than their own.
5. We all know that some forms of touching or talking to children are totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
6. Children emulate the behavior of adults at sporting events and develop lasting attitudes and values based on the behavior modeled by adults in youth sports. Adults should therefore be very well-behaved and positive.
7. Parents should be informed that risk is associated with playing sports, including track and field.
8. Signed medical release forms should be available at all practices and meets.
9. Notwithstanding the power in the medical release form, that coach's medical role is limited to injury prevention and minor first aid as immediate treatment before regular medical care is available, not professional treatment or diagnosis.
10. Coaches, parents and all volunteers are expected to understand that respect and positive feedback and regard for others (athletes, parents, coaches, officials, spectators, and volunteers) are essential for a quality sports experience.

I certify I have read the forgoing and understand how each statement applies to me as a coach and/or volunteer and agree to each.

Printed Name

Signature

Date



Please complete all requested information and sign form

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VYC Sport		Social Security Number		Club			
Last Name		First Name		MI	Suffix	Nickname	
Telephone		Street Address		City		State	Zip
If you have lived at a Prior Address				City		State	Zip
Business Employer			Business Telephone		Fax		Email
Gender	Birth Date	Driver's License #	State	Expiration	2nd Photo ID		State
I Volunteer to Coach		Name of my Child(ren) I wish to coach			I Volunteer for the following Administrative position		
<input type="checkbox"/> Team Coach		_____			<input type="checkbox"/> _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Coach		_____			<input type="checkbox"/> _____		
Years of Experience		_____			Years of Experience _____		
Professional Reference (Employment, School, Church or Other Organization)							
Last Name		First Name			Relationship		
Telephone	Street Address		City		State	Zip	
Personal Reference (Non-Relative, Known at least one year)							
Last Name		First Name			Relationship		
Telephone	Street Address		City		State	Zip	
Prior Volunteer References (Your prior Youth-Related Experience)							
Last Name		First Name			Relationship		
Telephone	Street Address		City		State	Zip	
X						Date	

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

I have read and understood that I may be disqualified and prohibited from serving as a volunteer or employee of the Valley Youth Conference, Inc. If among other things, I have:

1. Been convicted (includes crimes of record which have been expunged and pleas of "no contest") of a crime of child abuse, sexual abuse of a minor, physical abuse, causing a child's death, neglect of a child, murder, manslaughter, felony assault, or any assault against a minor, kidnapping, arson, criminal sexual conduct, prostitution related crimes, controlled substance crimes, or any other felony;
2. Been adjudged liable for civil penalties or damage involving sexual, physical or verbal abuse of children;
3. Been subject to any court order involving any sexual, physical or verbal abuse of a minor, including, but not limited to, a domestic or protection order;
4. Had parental rights terminated;
5. A history with another organization (volunteer, employment, etc.) of complaints of sexual, physical or verbal abuse of minors;
6. Resigned, been terminated or been asked to resign from a position, whether paid or unpaid, due to a complaint(s) of sexual, physical or verbal abuse of minors;
7. A History of behavior that indicates I may be a danger to children in the Valley Youth Conference sporting program(s).

DISCLAIMER:

Do any of the statements on page #1 apply to you? Yes No

If you checked "YES" to any disclosure item, please indicate number(s) _____ and attach an explanation on a separate sheet.

WAIVER, CONSENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY:

I hereby consent to the investigation and verification of all information given in this application, including searches of law enforcement and public records (including driving records and criminal background checks), contact with former employers and reference interviews. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless Valley Youth Conference, concerning the use of or any attempt to verify the information provided in this application. I declare that all of the information given by me in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that any misrepresentation or omission may be cause for suspension or dismissal from my volunteer status with Valley Youth Conference.

If accepted as a Valley Youth Conference volunteer, I hereby agree to abide by the Valley Youth Conference, Inc., Bylaws, rules, regulations, policies and philosophies, and all decision and directions of the Sport's Board of Directors, and understand that I may be removed as a Valley Youth Conference volunteer at any time with or without cause.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, WAIVER, CONSENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE TERMS OF EACH, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING THIS FORM AND AGREEING TO THESE TERMS, AND I SIGN THIS FORM AND AGREE TO THESE TERMS FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT INDUCEMENT OF ANY KIND.

Signature _____ Date _____

For Valley Youth Conference Club Use Only:

Photo ID of Applicant Verified: ? Yes No

Verified by _____ Date _____

Name of verifying individual (print clearly) _____

*** Forward to VYC, P.O. Box 3194, Chatsworth, CA 91313-3194. Attn: Volunteer Pgm. Officer ***

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Acknowledgment of receipt:

Verified by _____ Date _____

Action taken: _____