

# St. Robert Bellarmine / St. Constance Sports Association

## Volunteer Coaching Application

The Sports Association follows all IESA requirements for coaching and all coaches must:

1. Be a parishioner of the Mary, Undoer of Knots Parish
2. Be at least 18 years of age and a high school graduate
3. Comply with the role of “DREs/CREs, catechists, SPRED volunteers with minors, youth ministers, coaches, scout leaders” for the Archdiocese of Chicago (<https://protect.archchicago.org/compliance-resources>). Register through Virtus Online ([www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)) and complete:
  - a. A criminal background check (rechecked **every three years**).
  - b. DHS Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking System (CANTS) form 689 (re-submit **every year**).
  - c. Protecting God’s Children training – after the initial training keep up-to-date on the **monthly** bulletins. Every **three years** this must be recertified through the Keeping the Promise Alive program.
  - d. Mandated Reporter Training and DHS Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking System (CANTS) form 22/22A (re-certify **every three years**).
  - e. Archdiocesan Standards of Behavior Form (re-submit **every year**).
4. Attend the following trainings:
  - a. An IESA approved coaches education program as required by <https://www.iesa.org/documents/sportsmanship/IESA-CoachingEducation-2017.pdf> such as [http://www.asep.com/asep\\_content/org/IESA.cfm](http://www.asep.com/asep_content/org/IESA.cfm).
  - b. Mandatory Complete a concussion training session (e.g. <https://www.nays.org/additional-training/preview/>) – **every year**. Send a copy of the certificate to [srbSportsAssoc@gmail.com](mailto:srbSportsAssoc@gmail.com).
  - c. Mandatory CPR and Automated External Defibrillator certification or **current unexpired CPR certification**. Send a copy of the certificate to [srbSportsAssoc@gmail.com](mailto:srbSportsAssoc@gmail.com).
  - d. SRB Coaches Meeting (Sport Specific). Date and time TBA.
  - e. Volleyball Equipment Set-Up (Volleyball coaches only - before season)
  - f. Recommended Skill Development (Sport specific). Date and time TBA.

It is preferable but not required that you have knowledge and experience of the sport that you will be coaching.

The Sports Association encourages the participation of volunteers who share our vision:

- To impart the Christian life values that athletic participation offers to our student athletes;
- To develop our student athlete’s life skills in an effort to make them productive members of our parish community and society as a whole using sports as the vehicle;
- To develop an understanding of the rules and to teach the fundamental skills of each sport;
- To cultivate those skills to the best of each player’s ability;
- To develop self-confidence, discipline, self-respect, good sportsmanship, and leadership in each team member;
- To be fair and equitable to all our student athletes, not just the most gifted;
- Ensuring quality playing time;
- Viewing our athletes as self-regulated learners who set their own goals;
- Not losing sight of each athlete as a person by emphasizing winning at all costs;

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After review of each application, potential volunteers may be called in for an interview. Your cooperation with this process is appreciated, as we must ensure that our student athletes will be participating in a safe, fun environment being coached by caring adults who have the expertise and knowledge of the sport they are looking to coach, but more importantly the understanding that winning is not the ultimate goal of our program, but rather the development of the whole child emphasizing Christian values, fairness and equitability for all our student athletes not just the most gifted.

We encourage you to complete this application thoroughly. The information you share will help us determine who the best candidates are to potentially coach our youth, who are our most valuable resource.



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Your acceptance of a volunteer assignment must carry with it your understanding that the assignment is offered pending full clearances of all requirements and may be terminated at any time with or without cause or changed at any time by St. Robert Bellarmine. By accepting a volunteer assignment, you also agree to the following Terms and Conditions:

I understand and agree that St. Robert Bellarmine is relying on my promise to volunteer as scheduled and accordingly, I must be available for my particular assignment as scheduled and attend any on-the-job trainings or meetings as requested or required by the Sports Association.

I shall abide by all standards of conduct as outlined in the coach's handbook established by the Sports Association.

I acknowledge that law enforcement agencies will conduct background checks on volunteers. I hereby consent to such inquiries and agree to comply with these policies.

I agree that I will not hold St. Robert Bellarmine or its employees, the Sports Association and other volunteers responsible for any injuries or losses I may incur while performing volunteer assignments for the Sports Association. I hereby release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Sports Association against any and all claims, demands and causes of action for damages brought by me or any parties on my behalf. The release is intended to be binding on my heirs and assigns.

I hereby confirm that I do not and shall not, have the authority to incur obligations, on behalf of, or otherwise bind the Sports Association.

I have read, understand and agree to the Volunteer Terms and Conditions printed on this form.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_