



Livonia Storm Girls Fastpitch Softball Coaches Manual

Application to Coach for LIVONIA STORM 2016 Season

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to thank you for your interest in a Head Coaching position for the Livonia Storm. One of our main objectives is to teach our athletes how to improve their skills in an environment that is fun for all involved.

The Board of Directors appoints all coaches on an annual basis. A coaching position with the Livonia Storm should be considered a privilege. It is necessary for all coaches to display conduct that is in the best interest of the players, the team, and the Livonia Storm organization. In a situation where a coach's actions might compromise the reputation of the Livonia Storm, the Board of Directors has the right to remove this individual immediately.

Attendance at all instructional clinics & league meetings is required of all Head Coaches.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

Child's Name: (if playing) _____

Email address: _____

Desired Position: Head Coach Assistant Coach Team parent

Desired Age level: 10U 12U 14U 16U 18U

List coaching / playing experience (include organizations):



Statement about yourself and why you would like to coach:

List at least 3 references that we may contact to verify your coaching experience:

1. Name of reference: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

2. Name of reference: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

3. Name of reference: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Have you ever been convicted of any felony crimes? Yes No

Have you lived outside of Michigan in last 10 years? Yes No

Have you been removed/disciplined from any sports organization as a coach/manager in the last 5 years?

Yes No

If answered yes to the previous two questions you can explain on the back of this form.



Driver's License #: _____ State: _____ Expiration date ___ / ___ / ___

I certify that the above statements are true and that the making of false statements may be considered sufficient cause for immediate dismissal upon discovery thereof. I understand, and agree, that any misleading information or omission of information may be cause for dismissal.

I specifically authorize Livonia Storm Organization its agents, and its employees to make inquiries of courts, laws enforcement agencies, and other entities for record of criminal convictions.

I understand that it is the intent of the Livonia Storm, to deny participation to any person who has been convicted of a serious crime. I understand that any inappropriate and/or unacceptable conversations or conduct with a juvenile may be grounds for immediate dismissal.

I have reviewed the State of Michigan Background Check Materials. I also understand that Livonia Storm reserve the right to submit random checks on individuals who have submitted applications at any time.

I agree to hold Livonia Storm, its agents, its officers, Livonia Parks and Recreation and their employees, harmless from any actions arising out of any criminal check that may be done.

I hereby affirm that I have not been convicted of any felony criminal offense. I understand that Livonia Storm may conduct a criminal background check.

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations stated above for a Coach position in Livonia Storm Girls Fastpitch Organization. My signature on this application gives the Livonia Storm Organization the right to do a criminal background check. It can also be used to decide whether I will be approved to Head Coach.

Signature _____ Date: _____ Season: _____



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Livonia Storm Organization Coaches Rules of Conduct

- Our first responsibility is to the health and safety of the players.
- Be prepared to handle first aid situations as well as medical emergencies at all practices and games, both home and away.
- It is also recommended that all coaches have a basic knowledge of first aid and safety.
- All Coaches will read and follow the rules/by-laws of USSSA and WWCL along with any written rules adopted or added by the Livonia Storm.
- A coach must be a leader. All Coaches must recognize that they hold an important position and responsibility in a program that deals with a sensitive and formative period of a player's development. He/she must have understanding, patience, and the capacity to work with all players. The coach must be aware that the attainment of exceptional athletic skills or the winning of games and championships are secondary; and the teaching of good sportsmanship, team work, honesty, loyalty and respect is of primary importance.
- All coaches will conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. The Head Coach will take responsibility for the actions of themselves, assistant coaches, and players and parents at any league function. They must demonstrate that they have an appreciation of the philosophy of youth softball and cooperate with the Board of Directors and others in making the program of mutual benefit to all children.
- The selection of Head coach is the jurisdiction of the Livonia Storm Organization and its Directors.
- No profanity or misconduct (i.e. fighting) is permitted at any event sponsored by Livonia Storm Organization.
- Judgment calls of an umpire cannot be questioned. The Head Coach must show by example that they respect the judgment and position of authority of the umpire, and at the same time, instill in their players a respect for authority of adult leaders in the league.
- The Head coach must exercise a leadership role, but at the same time leave the game in the hands of the players. The Head Coach should try, within the USSSA and Livonia Storm Organization rules provide an opportunity for every player to take part in games.
- If there is reasonable doubt that any umpire's decision might be in conflict with the rules, the Head coach may appeal the decision and ask that a correct ruling be made. Such appeal shall be made only to the umpire who made the protested decision. The Head Coach and coaches must also encourage players at every opportunity.



- Any Head Coach or coach ejected from a game must leave the park immediately. After receiving the umpire's report that a Head Coach or coach has been ejected, the Board of Director President shall conduct an investigation of the occurrence and determine if further disciplinary action is warranted.
- The Head Coach is responsible for the budget of their team. All monies must be handed over to the leagues treasurer and will be used to support that team. Any leftover funds will be distributed based on the by-laws of the organization. Any deficits will be the responsibility of the Head Coach to pay; this will not be a responsibility of the Livonia Storm Organization.
- The Head Coach must be available to attend all tryouts and tournament, or any functions the Livonia Storm Organization is involved.
- The Head Coach must also be aware that the League Officers by the power vested therein and within the Livonia Storm Organization by-laws, has the power to remove any Head Coach from his/her position if his/her actions are viewed as detrimental to the team or the wellbeing of the league. The Head Coach does have the right to a hearing before the board in such cases as outlined in these by-laws. Remember it is a privilege to coach not a right.

I have read and understand all the aforementioned rules and agree to abide by said rules.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Submit questions/completed application to Bob Bacigal at bbacigal@livoniastorm.com

