

Play Ball! Minnesota COACHES AWARD

Play Ball! Minnesota and the Minnesota Twins Community Fund are proud to present the Play Ball! Minnesota Coaches Award.

The Play Ball! Minnesota Coaches Award honors youth baseball and softball coaches who work to provide a positive youth athletic experience for their players.

AWARD CRITERIA

Coaching youth baseball and softball should be as much about developing positive character traits as it is about teaching the fundamentals of baseball/softball or creating winning teams. Under the proper guidance, youth sports can have a powerful and lasting influence on a child's self-esteem and confidence.

CANDIDATES FOR THE PLAY BALL! MINNESOTA COACHES AWARD MUST:

- Excel at teaching the game in a fun and positive manner;
- Model and teach respect for teammates, opponents, officials, and game rules;
- Promote and support good sportsmanship by players, parents and coaches;
- Help players develop important values by rewarding effort, good citizenship and fair play; and
- Share enthusiasm for the game of baseball/softball.

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NOMINATION GUIDELINES

Nominees are evaluated on how closely they model the Play Ball! Minnesota Coaches Award principles listed in this brochure. Coaches who have guidelines in place around any of the following will be given special priority:

- Sportsmanship;
- Preventing sideline rage and violence; and
- Promoting good citizenship.

To be eligible, a person must have actively coached a full season of youth baseball or softball in Minnesota within the last two years.

The founding members of Play Ball! Minnesota will select the winners.

AWARD PRESENTATION

Award winners will be selected each month throughout the season from June through September 2009.

Each winner will receive four tickets to a Twins home game, a pre-game recognition ceremony on the field and a Twins jacket.

From the monthly award recipients, two coaches will be selected at the end of the year for the "Coach of the Year" Award and will receive round-trip airfare and hotel accommodations for two to Las Vegas.

NOMINATE A COACH IN YOUR COMMUNITY

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

NAME _____

DAY PHONE _____

EVENING PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE, ZIP _____

COACH INFORMATION:

NAME _____

DAY PHONE _____

EVENING PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE, ZIP _____

On a separate paper, please answer each question below. When possible, try to use specific examples and stories to answer the questions.

1. How does the coach model and teach the fundamentals of the game such as respect for games rules, teammates, opponents and officials in a positive way?
2. In what ways does the coach reward effort, good citizenship (i.e., involvement in the community, volunteering, etc.) and fair play?
3. How does the coach promote good sportsmanship by parents, athletes and coaches?
4. How does the coach share his/her love and enthusiasm for the game?

Return both your completed nomination form and answers to the four questions to:

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Deadline for nominations is Friday, June 12, 2009.

Questions? Call 612-375-7510 or e-mail info@playballmn.com