

Volunteer Opportunity

Be a Buddy for the Miracle League!

The Miracle League is a baseball league for children with special needs. Every Saturday from early May to mid-July, many children from all over Douglas-Coffee County and other counties play baseball on a specially-designed field at Davis Wade Park in Douglas, Ga with the support of their volunteer “buddies.”

Buddies are middle school, high school or adult volunteers who assist players while they are batting, running the bases and playing in the field. Buddies must be 12 years or older or in at least 6th grade. This is an excellent opportunity to earn service hours for your church and/or your school.

Buddies are usually paired up with the same player for the entire season. The 2021 season will tentatively begin in early May and continue through mid-July. There are games every Saturday except Memorial Day weekend and 4th of July weekend. The time commitment is about 1 hour each Saturday with 30-minute breaks in between each game for sanitizing. You will be asked to wipe down for the next group. We will have mandatory trainings on Tuesdays before the season begins. Dates will be given to you via email.

If you are interested in becoming a buddy, you can register on-line at www.cityofdouglasga.gov beginning in December 2021.

Questions about Buddies can be directed to Nia Wilkerson at nwilkerson@cityofdouglasga.gov.

Douglas-Coffee County Miracle League

CODE OF CONDUCT

Rules of conduct for all Coaches, Managers, Participants, Players, Officials, Parents, Sponsors, and Spectators.

Article I. Coaches, managers, participants, players, officials, parents, sponsors, and spectators shall not:

- A. Curse (malicious or otherwise, verbally, written, or electronically via email, text, social media or other communication or by physical gesture) at another coach, manager, participant, player, official, parent, staff member, or spectator of the DCCPRD/DCCML.
- B. Push, hit, strike, or threaten (verbally, written, or electronically via email text, social media, or other communication or by physical gesture) to a coach, manager, participant, player, official, parent, staff member or spectator of the DCCPRD/DCCML.
- C. Be drinking or under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, or any controlled substance while on DCCPRD/ DCCML or Coffee County School premises before, during, or after an event.
- D. Act in an irrational manner or make a public spectacle or nuisance of himself/herself before, during or after a scheduled event.
- E. Violate the rules and regulations of the activity or program of which he/she are involved.
- F. Participate in any act that undermines league policy or procedures.
- G. Commit in the presence of at least one person not immediately involved, any of the infractions listed in the above-stated Article I rules (A, B, C, D, E, and/or F)
- H. Commit any infraction not covered under these stated rules but is a violation of league, or DCCPRD/DCCML Rules, Regulations, Bylaws, or League- amended procedures, guidelines, and/or game rules (example: being ejected from a game due to having two (2) technical fouls).

Article II. Penalties

Violations of Rule A {NO APPEAL}

- A. First Offense: 2-week suspension
- B. Second offense: Dismissal from DCCPRD/ DCCML for a period of six (6) months.
- C. Third offense: Permanent dismissal from all DCCPRD/ DCCML sponsored events

Violations of Rules B, C, D (NO APPEAL)

- A. First Offense: Minimum of 1year dismissal from DCCPRD/ DCCML Parks and any DCCPRD/ DCCML sponsored events. Maximum is permanent dismissal.
- B. Second Offense: Two (2) year dismissal from DCCPR D/ DCCML sponsored activities. If deemed necessary by DCCPRD/ DCCML legal action may be taken against the individual violating the Code of Conduct.

Violations of Rules E, F, G

- A. First Offense:
 - 1. Players, coaches, officials/umpires: Three (3) week suspension.
 - 2. Spectators: One (1) month suspension from all DCCPR D/ DCCML events.
- B. Second Offense: One (1) year suspension from all DCCPR D/ DCCML events.
- C. Third Offense: Two (2) year suspension from all DCCPRD sponsored events.

Violations of Rule H

- A. First Offense: Suspended for the next game.
- B. Second Offense: Suspended for the remainder of the season.

Anyone in violation of the DCCPRD Code of Ethics and has been disciplined accordingly has the right to appeal (unless otherwise indicated) before the Douglas-Coffee County Parks and Recreation Board.

Appeals must be made in writing and within 48 hours of suspension.

Douglas-Coffee County Parks & Recreation

Volunteer Buddy Applications

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

If you are a student, what school do you attend? _____

Email (ensure this is correct, it is used for all communication): _____

Cell phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Hobbies/Interests: _____

Reasons you would like to Volunteer as a buddy:

Are you CPR certified (not required)? _____

Have you read the City of Douglas Sportsmen-like Conduct policy?

Do you have a valid Georgia driver's license? _____ Driver's license number: _____

Date of birth: _____

What league do you plan to assist? _____ Age group: _____

Please list any other information you think would be helpful to us in considering you as a youth volunteer buddy:

Shirt Size: _____

Georgia Criminal History Authorization Form

17 years and older

I, _____, hereby authorize Douglas-Coffee County Parks and Recreation to receive any Georgia criminal history information pertaining to me which may be in the files of any state or local criminal justice agency in Georgia.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness (Office Personnel ONLY): _____

Date: _____

Print Full Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____

(This is not optional...You have to fill this out in order to be considered.)

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____ Race: _____

Office Use Only: Please do not write below this line.

- ___ Employment non-criminal justice (Purpose Code E)
- ___ Employment in criminal justice-civilian (Purpose Code J)
- ___ Employment with mentally disabled (Purpose Code M)
- ___ Employment with elderly care (Purpose Code N)
- ___ Public Access (Purpose Code P)
- ___ Employment with children (Purpose Code W)
- ___ Employment in criminal justice- Post Certified (Purpose Code Z)