



## Michigan State University Extension 4-H Sports Programs

### PROGRAM DEFINITION

Team and individual youth sports programs coordinated through the 4-H youth development program, including soccer, volleyball, tennis, swimming, baseball, and other sports programs.

### GOLD VOLUNTEER ROLES

Volunteers who interact directly with program participants, manage team finances, and consistently contribute to the sports program require Gold level screening.

#### Examples may include:

- Coaches or instructors
- Assistant coaches
- Dugout/bench supervisors
- Individuals supervising the locker rooms
- Program or team managers
- Facilities or coaching managers
- Board or council members
- Lifeguard, unless they are provided with rental/lease of the facility
- Team photographers, communication, or marketing coordinators
- Individuals who have access to sensitive participant information

### SILVER VOLUNTEER ROLES

Volunteers who have little to no contact with program participants and no access to sensitive participant information require Silver level screening. Below are examples of tasks a silver volunteer may do to support the 4-H Sports Program. However, if a Silver volunteer completes these tasks regularly throughout the sports season, they should be screened as a Gold volunteer.

#### Examples may include:

- Umpiring or refereeing games, tournaments, matches, scrimmages, etc.
- Maintenance, including facility or field maintenance such as lawn mowing, painting fields, etc., unless provided by the facility
- Equipment manager or equipment maintenance
- Scorekeepers
- Individuals who assist with scheduling games, practices, field/court use, etc.

### VEST COACH SUPPORT

Other volunteer roles within the 4-H Sports Program may require discussion between 4-H staff and their VEST coach to determine the appropriate level of screening. If you are unsure what level of screening a volunteer should receive, 4-H staff should contact their VEST coach.

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