



South Milwaukee Recreation Department

Dear Youth Coach:

The South Milwaukee Recreation Department has established an official chapter of the National Alliance For Youth Sports (NAYS), to train volunteers on the appropriate methods of working with children in sports. The most widely-used NAYS training program is the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA) program, which was designed to provide education and membership to volunteer coaches. This program covers everything from the psychology of coaching children and maximizing athletic performance to practice organization and teaching proper sports techniques. Coaches must successfully pass a written exam on the material to become NYSCA members, as well as sign the Coaches' Code of Ethics pledging to adhere to a standard of behavior.

To help you become an even more effective coach, we **STRONGLY RECOMMEND AND URGE** you to participate in the National Youth Sports Coaching Association (NYSCA) **online training program** to become a Certified Coach.

We are offering this course because we know how much you care about "your" athletes and that you will want to be a leader in making their experiences safe, valuable, and enjoyable.

I am enclosing a flyer describing the certification program along with information regarding how to log on to get started with taking the training. Upon completion of the Online Clinic, you will have instant access to the personalized **Member Area** which is one of your member benefits. Please be sure to take advantage of all the benefits offered to you as part of your membership. If you prefer to access the Member Area at a later time, go to www.nays.org and log in with the email and password used to log into the NYSCA Online Clinics.

The certification program will cost you \$20.00 up front. However, all South Milwaukee Recreation Department coaches will be reimbursed after successful completion of the course and sport season.

Please contact me at the Recreation Department Office at 766-5081, 766-5082, or email me at sdorff@sdsd.k12.wi.us if you have questions. This opportunity is extended to you and your assistant coaches - please share this information with them.

We look forward seeing you as a certified NYSCA Coach at your first practice and game.



Best Regards

Stan Dorff, SM Recreation Director

