



## Coach Requirements/Registrations

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### **Coach Requirements**

All coaches are encouraged to:

- Become familiar with the CYM Handbook and sport-specific rules
- Ensure that the letter and spirit of CYM policies are followed
- Establish clear guidelines governing attendance at practices and games
- Specify philosophies on playing time and complaint/concern escalation
- Keep training and background clearances current
- Monitor email regularly

### **Age Restrictions:**

- Pre-JV/Junior Varsity levels: coaches must be minimally 18 years of age
- Varsity levels: coaches must be minimally 21 years of age
- High School levels: coaches must be minimally 24 years of age

Teams are permitted to have “junior coaches” – these would be teenagers that would like to assist in coaching but have not reached the minimum age to be added to a roster as a full time coach. These individuals should be included in the Player/Coach ratio when determining the coverage required to meet the “For the Sake of God’s Children” requirements.

### **Coach Registrations**

All volunteer adults wishing to function as a head coach or an assistant coach must complete the following steps before they can function as a coach and be added to a roster.

- Complete CYM online registration and coach profile on the CYM Website ([www.cdowcym.org](http://www.cdowcym.org))
- Select the parish/school they will coach for
- Read and electronically sign the certifications on the website: Confidentiality Agreement and Volunteer Covenant (Must be completed each year)
- Complete the Concussion in Sports Training (link to NFHS Website can be found in the Coach Profile section or [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com)) (Must be completed every two years)
- Complete background check to comply with the “For the Sake of God’s Children” policies for the Diocese of Wilmington. Contact Parish/School office or AAP/AD for instructions. (Must be completed

every 5 years)

It is the responsibility of the AAP/AD or Parish/School Sport Coordinator to add head coaches to rosters and it is the responsibility of the head coaches to ensure all assistant coaches are added to rosters. All certifications and clearances must be up to date before any coach will be able to be added to a roster and before they are permitted to serve in a role as a coach at any tryout, practice or game.

*Related Policies:*

**9.10** All coaches (head and assistant) are required to complete all necessary trainings and certifications before they are permitted to participate in a coaching role and prior to being placed on a team roster. <sup>2151</sup>

**9.10.1** All coaches (head and assistant) are required to complete a background check to comply with the "For the Sake of God's Children" policy of the Diocese of Wilmington. Coaches **MUST** be fully cleared before they can actively participate in any coaching role. The Office of Safe Environments from the Diocese of Wilmington determines when an adult is fully cleared. Applying for a background check, or receiving a background check result, **DOES NOT** mean a coach is cleared to participate. The coach must receive specific notice that the clearance has been reviewed and is approved by the Office of Safe Environments before participating with a team. <sup>2152</sup>