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Woodbine Recreation Commission establishes NYSCA chapter to train volunteer coaches in youth sports

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Woodbine Recreation Commission has established an official chapter of the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA) to train volunteer coaches on the appropriate methods of working with children in sports. They have received a grant in the amount of \$500 to assist in training twenty-five coaches.

The Woodbine Recreation Commission joins more than 2,200 organizations across the country that are conducting the NYSCA certification program to help ensure that volunteer coaches in their community have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities.

More than 1.8 million volunteer coaches have been trained by NYSCA, which is a program of the National Alliance For Youth Sports, a nonprofit organization that works to provide safe and fun sports for America's youth.

Rebecca Tomlin, Commission Chair, will serve as the NYSCA Chapter Director for the Woodbine Recreation Commission. Rebecca Tomlin, Lisa Fisher, and Recreation Commission Director Gerald Murray will be the clinicians for the Chapter. Their primary responsibility will be to organize NYSCA clinics, which provide coaches with critical information on 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.

They will also be responsible for organizing impartial review committees to respond to any complaints about alleged violations of the Coaches' Code of Ethics to help ensure that inappropriate behavior is not a part of any sporting event.

“Thanks in part to Vice-Chair Lisa Fisher, we have secured a \$500 grant from NYSCA to train and educate our volunteers and parents. NYSCA’s program provides valuable information on all aspects of youth sports, which today’s volunteers and parents need to help ensure a positive and rewarding experience for all the youngsters,” Rebecca Tomlin, Chapter Director said.

NYSCA member coaches receive four issues of the Youth Sports Journal, which features important information on the many different aspects of coaching youth sports. NYSCA coaches also receive a \$1 million excess liability insurance policy, and they’re eligible for the prestigious National Volunteer Youth Coach of the Year award.

“I am pleased with the initiative of our Recreation Commission in applying for this affiliation, and for the accompanying grant, so successfully and commend them on their ongoing work with our teams, coaches, and parents in this area of good sportspersonship,” added Mayor Pikolycky.