



Requirements to become an MYO Coach

MYO is a volunteer organization. The organization would not be possible without volunteers like you. MYO's Board is also all volunteers. Board members do not receive any monetary compensation for serving. MYO works hard to keep costs down to give families and players the best value and experience for their money. Here is how you can become a volunteer Coach for MYO.

Requirement(s)	Who	Where	Fee
Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Coaches • Managers • Assistant Coaches • Parent Volunteers 	www.masonryouth.org	None
Background Check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Coaches • Managers • Assistant Coaches • MYO Board Members • Parent Volunteers 	MYO preforms 2 background searches. Please see below for more detail.	None
NYSCA Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Coaches • Managers • Assistant Coaches • MYO Board Members Coaching 	http://www.nays.org/Coaches/ This is a City of Mason Parks and Recreation requirement.	\$20* annually
Concussion Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Coaches • Managers • Assistant Coaches • Umpires • MYO Board Members • Parent Volunteers 	See below for links and details Note: Every volunteer must complete this. Certification is good for 3 years, and then must be renewed.	None

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1. **MYO Registration.** The MYO registration is used to collect contact information, your consent by providing your social security number for a background check and to inform you of the NYSCA certification requirement.
 - a. Head Coaches/Mangers
 - b. Assistant Coaches
 - c. Parent Volunteers
 - d. All coaches and parent volunteers must register on line at www.masonryouth.org

2. **Background Checks:** MYO preforms 2 separate background checks on all coaches and managers. MYO performs these background checks.
 - a. **First Advantage (formerly Lexis Nexis).** This is a national database that perform discounted background checks for Baseball and Softball Organizations. This database requires the following information to conduct a background check:

- Full Name
- Current Address
- Social Security
- Date of Birth

Note: A letter, which includes a copy of the completed background screening report & Summary of Rights, will be sent to every volunteer where a criminal record from the public records database is reported to your local Little League. MYO will only contact you if the criminal record is one that would not allow you to work with children. We will not contact you regarding driving violations.

- Local League Background Check Information** - MYO also checks the United States Department of Justice National Sex Offender Registry, (www.nsopr.gov)
- NYSCA Certification.** MYO requires all head coaches, managers and assistant coaches to receive and maintain an NYSCA certification. This is a requirement for Mason Parks and Recreation to use their fields. This certification offers additional insurance coverage for coaches, which helps keep MYO league costs down. <http://www.nays.org/Coaches/>

a. Initial Membership

Becoming a Member

- Each volunteer coach must complete the training course material, called a clinic.
- Online clinic. Coaches may become NYSCA members by completing the NYSCA Online Clinic. <http://www.nays.org/nyscaonlineclinics/>
 - Choose the clinic for the sport you will be coaching. Please note that a certification must be obtained for each sport that you coach. NYSCA offers certification in Tee Ball, Softball and Baseball.
- At the end of each NYSCA clinic, coaches must (1) pass an exam that tests their understanding of the information conveyed in the clinic and (2) sign a pledge committing to uphold the NYSCA Coaches Code of Ethics.
- **Fee:** The membership fee for the clinic is \$20 per coach. Membership is valid for one year.
- **Most frequently asked information for filling out the registration:**
 - **What Chapter do I register Under:** City of Mason Parks and Recreation Chapter #3084
 - **Certification in Multiple Sports.** Many coaches are certified in multiple sports like baseball, t-ball, softball, basketball, soccer, etc. NYSCA does offer a discount for members that are certified in multiple sports. The additional cost is \$5.00 per sport per certification after the initial \$20.

b. Continuing Membership

- http://www.nays.org/Coaches/Continuing_Level_Membership.cfm
- Coaches will receive an annual renewal notice for continuing their NYSCA membership prior to expiration date.

- To continue membership, the member again signs the Coaches Code of Ethics Pledge and remits a \$20 continuing membership fee.
- Check out their website for discounts when you continue membership for multiple years.

4. **Concussion Training.**

Concussion Training Certification

In order to protect young athletes, the State of Ohio has passed a concussion law, commonly called the "Return to Play" law. This law, similar to laws enacted in most other states, imposes training, safety, and awareness requirements on youth sports organizations, like MYO, and its leagues, tournaments, coaches, referees, umpires, officials, and athletes and their families.

A concussion is a brain injury and all brain injuries are serious. They may be caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head. They can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works. Even though most concussions are mild, all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly.

Because of the significant health concern posed by the risk of concussions, and because of the Return to Play laws enacted by the State of Ohio, MYO is instituting the following expectations of its leagues, coaches, referees, umpires, officials, and athletes and their families.

Training Requirements: All MYO Coaches and Umpires must complete concussion training certification. Training certification is valid for 3 years then must be renewed.

- **COACHES and PARRENT VOLUNTEERS:** All of MYO's member leagues and tournaments are responsible to monitor and track their coaches' compliance with the concussion training requirements of the Return to Play law. Each coach must receive concussion training prior to coaching, and that training must be **renewed every three years.** ([See O.R.C. 3707.511 \(C\)\(1\).](#)) Leagues and tournaments must collect and maintain certificates of compliance from the coaches and may ask for evidence of compliance. Upon MYO's request, coach must be able to show evidence of compliance with the training requirement.
- **UMPIRES:** All umpires for MYO member league events and MYO-sponsored events must also be able to demonstrate that they have complied with the training requirements of the Return to Play law. Each umpire must receive concussion training prior to umpiring, and that training **must be renewed every three years.** ([See O.R.C. 3707.511 \(C\)\(1\).](#)) Upon MYO's request, umpires must be able to produce evidence of compliance with the training requirement.
- **TRAINING:** Coaches may choose training from either of the free trainings listed below. Both programs are free of charge. **MYO prefers, the NFHS because it requires a user to login but allows leagues to track coaches' progress and allows coaches to log in and print their certification should they require a new certificate.** This will also benefit coaches if they are in other sports too. Either course takes between 20-30 minutes to complete. After completion please email the MYO training coordinator at training-boys@masonyouth.org or training-girls@masonyouth.org
- [**The National Federation of State High School Associations \(NFHS\).**](#)

Thank you for volunteering. If you have questions please feel free to contact your League Commissioner. These emails are on the MYO website under contacts.