

Colstrip one of Montana's leaders in conducting special training program to prepare volunteer coaches

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In an effort to crack down on poor adult behavior in youth sports Colstrip Parks and Recreation has trained more than 30 coaches in the past year alone through the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS).

The special training is part of Colstrip's ongoing efforts to help ensure that its programs are protected from unacceptable behaviors and it has emerged as one of the leaders in Montana in coaches training.

Along with more than 3,500 other communities across the country, Colstrip Parks and Recreation is a member of NAYS, which means their volunteer youth sports coaches are trained and insured through NAYS' coach membership organization, the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA). The training sessions are aimed at helping adults maintain proper perspective in youth sports and also hold them accountable to a strict code of ethics.

Requirements such as these are becoming commonplace in youth sports leagues today – a response to the growing epidemic of poor adult behavior at youth sporting events.

Colstrip Parks and Recreation is dedicated to providing the safest and most positive youth sports environment possible for children and NYSCA and its long-standing reputation as the industry leader in volunteer coach education has proven to be the perfect fit.

Traditional NYSCA clinics are held in classroom-like settings which promote group discussion. However, an ever increasing number of communities are opting for the more convenient online option which can be completed from the comfort of a home computer.

Coaches who attend NYSCA trainings are eligible to receive the full benefits of NAYS membership, which includes excess liability insurance up to \$1,000,000, an annual subscription to SportingKid magazine, information on skills and drills, access to the NYSCA Coaching Forum, discounts on various background check providers and sports equipment manufacturers, and much more.

But the NYSCA does not stop there. To ensure that Colstrip's coaches uphold the standards of behavior set forth by NYSCA, Colstrip Parks and Recreation is given access to the easy-to-use NYSCA Coach Rating System. This innovative feature, which is exclusive to NYSCA members, allows parents to evaluate their child's youth coaches anonymously with just a few clicks of a mouse. League administrators have full access to evaluators' identities and results, while coaches are only able to see anonymous overall results.

Evaluating a coach's performance mid-season is something that NAYS strongly encourages. They serve as a great tool for coaches to attain useful and immediate feedback on how they are performing at anytime during the season.

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