



BECOMING A COACH

Application

All head and assistant coaches must complete a youth basketball coaching form. The form is attached to this packet. You may also go online to www.quickscores.com/desoto and complete the form. Complete the form and e-mail to smoore@desototexas.gov.

Criminal Background Screening

All coaches must pass a background check once a year. A list will be posted on www.quickscores.com/desoto each Monday by 5:00 p.m. You may also contact the DeSoto Parks and Recreation office at 972-230-9650 for results. The list at the office is updated every 24 – 48 hours. The list will indicate if you are approved or if you need to complete additional information. In order to submit your criminal background check you must first complete all of the requirements for the NAYS certification listed below. Once you have completed the certification please e-mail Steve Moore, Manager of Athletics and Aquatics @ smoore@desototexas.gov confirm completion and you will be granted approval to submit your background check.

NAYS Coaches Certification

All coaches must be certified once a year and if a multi-sport coach they will need to attend a skills training class for each sport that they coach every year by NAYS (National Alliance for Youth Sports).

Coaches will be required to complete and pass a two-part coaches certification course. The National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA) offers certification training for youth sports coaches through the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS), an organization dedicated to improving out-of-school youth sports by raising awareness through leadership, education, and advocacy. This course can be taken online at www.nays.org

The training required are the following:

- Coaching Youth Sports
- Basic Youth Sports Safety and First Aid Training
- Coaching Youth Basketball Under 10 or Under 16

Once you have completed your NAYS Certification please make sure you contact their representative and have them place you under the DeSoto Parks and Recreation.

Practices

In order to start practices you must complete the criteria listed above. In addition, you will need to have at least six players who have registered. No players are permitted to start practice until they have registered through the DeSoto Parks and Recreation.

The roster limit for each age division will be 10 players. Teams may be permitted to go over the 10 player limit with approval.