

BECOMING A COACH, CHEER COACH OR TEAM PARENT

Application

All head and assistant coaches, and team parents must complete a youth football coaching or team parent form. You can complete this form by going online to www.quickscores.com/desoto.

Criminal Background Screening

All coaches and team parents 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.

NAYS Coaches Certification

All football and cheer 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. Please go to www.nays.org/coaches/ to complete the certification.

If your NAYS certification expires before November 9, 2019 you will be required to renew prior to be approved to be a coach.

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.

Orientation

Attend one hour volunteer orientation with the City. You will only need to attend this orientation once and it covers all sports. The next orientation will be scheduled for late June as well as July and August. You will be able to start practices without orientation if you have completed your background check and certification but will not be able to coach in a game until orientation is completed.

Practices

In order to start practices you must complete the criteria listed above. In addition, you will need to have at least 12 players who have registered per age group before an organization will be assigned a practice location. 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 25 players.