

NYSCA Coaches Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: I have been coaching and playing sports my whole life, why do I need to do this certification?

A: The Town of Jupiter Parks and Recreation Department requires that all JTAA coaches are NYSCA certified. The NYSCA volunteer coach training program is designed to sensitize volunteer coaches to their responsibilities and hold them accountable to a strict Code of Conduct defined by the NYSCA Coaches' Code of Ethics Pledge. Certification covers coaches with \$1,000,000 excess liability insurance in effect while performing coaching duties.

Q: I have received my NYSCA card, what do I do with my certification card now?

A: Once you receive your NYSCA card you must keep it on you at all times while you are coaching. NYSCA will send you an updated card each year.

Q: I lost my NYSCA card, how do I get a new one?

A: You must contact NYSCA directly at 1-800-729-2057 in order to receive a replacement card.

Q: I am very busy and it is hard to attend the scheduled clinic. Is there another way to become certified?

A: Due to the arrangement between the Town and JTAA, the only way to become certified is to attend a scheduled clinic. Your sport director schedules multiple clinics prior to the start of the season in order to accommodate all coaches. It is the coach's responsibility to make arrangements in their personal schedule to attend one of the clinics.

Q: I do not have a current certification but I have coached in the past and watched the videos. Why do I have to attend a clinic again?

A: If your certification has expired you are required by the NYSCA to begin the certification process again. This is why it is very important that coaches sign-in and renew their certification annually.

Q: I was only 30 minutes late to the clinic why can't I stay for the rest of the clinic?

A: The videos are scheduled to begin at specific times, if a coach is more than 10 minutes late for the clinic they will not be allowed to stay. The coach will be asked to leave and attend another scheduled clinic. It is important that the coaches are present for the entire duration of the clinic in order to view all of the videos.

Q: I am only going to be helping the team as an assistant coach. Do I have to be NYSCA certified?

A: Yes, any person that will be "helping" the team as a coach must be NYSCA certified. Any person who is on the field coaching or interacting with the team during practices or games needs to be covered by the NYSCA certification and the liability insurance.

Q: I have been coaching soccer and would like to also begin coaching football, do I need to attend a football clinic and watch all of the videos again?

A: If you have been a current certification in an Initial Sport and would like to coach another sport you will need to attend the second half of the scheduled clinic for your new sport. You are required to only view the sport specific video for your new sport. When you attend this clinic you will need to sign-in on the additional sport roster and bring your current certification card with you. Once you have completed the requirements for the additional sport, NYSCA will mail you a new card to include all sports that you are certified to coach.

Q: How can I find out what my certification status is?

A: You can contact NYSCA directly at 1-800-729-2057 or you can call a NYSCA clinician in the Jupiter Parks and Recreation Department at (561)741-2400.

Q: *Why do I need my NYSCA card in order to sign-in?*

A: The NYSCA sign-in sheet requires the coach to include his/her certification number. Your certification number is found on your NYSCA card. In addition, it allows the clinician to verify that you are currently certified with a valid NYSCA card. Coaches should carry their NYSCA card with them at all times.

Q: *Can I sign-in for my friend/spouse?*

A: No, you can not sign-in anyone other than yourself. All sign-ins must be done in person at the time of the scheduled clinic.

Q: *I have been coaching in the City of Palm Beach Gardens and have been certified through the NYSCA under their chapter. I am going to start coaching for JTAA, is there anything I should do?*

A: Yes, you will need to contact a NYSCA clinician at the Town of Jupiter. They will have your certification moved to our local chapter.

Q: *I am currently certified to coach through a program other than NYSCA. Do I still need to be certified through NYSCA?*

A: Yes, you still need to acquire certification through the NYSCA. The agreement between the Town of Jupiter and JTAA is that all coaches are to be certified through this program.

Q: *How do I know if a NYSCA clinic has been scheduled for my sport?*

A: Your sport director schedules all clinics with a NYSCA clinician. Once dates and times have been scheduled your director will contact you with the information. You may also check the Town of Jupiter's website for any NYSCA clinic updates (www.jupiter.fl.us/ParksRecreation/Sports). Clinic information is posted on the Parks and Recreation website as soon as clinics are scheduled.