

NYSCA Membership Levels

Initial Level Membership

Volunteer coaches who are interested in becoming initial members start by taking a 3-hour training course called a "clinic." Clinics are offered at specific times by the Jupiter Parks & Recreation Department.

- The first part of a NYSCA clinic is to view the Introduction to Coaching Youth Sports video, which is a general training video for all coaches. Coaches may then view a sports-specific video.
- NYSCA training session will teach about such important topics as:
 - Psychology of Coaching Youth Sports
 - Working with Kids with Special Challenges
 - Tips on Teaching and Communication
 - Parents as Partners
 - Child Abuse in Youth Sports
 - Injury Prevention
 - Hydration
- 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 them to uphold a Code of Ethics. NYSCA holds coaches fully accountable to the standards set by the Code.
- Coaches will receive a NYSCA card at the conclusion of the clinic. This card should be kept by the coach at all times while they are coaching.
- JTAA pays for each Initial Level Membership fee of \$20.
- By completing the Initial Level membership through NYSCA, all coaches are covered with \$1,000,000 excess liability insurance in effect while performing coaching duties.
- Coaches who undertake the initial clinic are eligible to obtain continuing membership by renewing their membership each year. Coaches will need to sign-in as a continuing member each year for their initial sport.

Additional Sport Membership

Additional Sport membership is for those volunteer coaches who are currently certified in a sport and would like to coach another sport within the same year. Example: Currently certified in soccer and would like to begin coaching basketball.

- Coaches will be required to attend the second half of the NYSCA clinic and view the sport specific video.
- Coaches are required to bring their current NYSCA certification card to the clinic. It is required that they will show their card in order to sign-in.
- There is no additional membership fee for the additional sport membership.
- Coaches will need to sign-in on the additional sport roster each year for the sports that they have added.

Continuing Membership

After completing the introduction to coaching youth sports program, coaches will be required to renew their membership each year.

- To continue membership, the member s sign in on the Continuing Member roster for their Initial Sport and JTAA pays the annual \$20 membership fee.
- Coaches are required to bring their current NYSCA certification card to the clinic. It is required that they will show their card in order to sign-in.
- By renewing the Continuing Member Level membership annually, all coaches are covered with \$2,000,000 excess liability insurance in effect while performing coaching duties. In addition, coaches are covered with \$250,000 excess accident/medical insurance for injuries sustained while performing coaching duties.
- Once a coach has renewed their certification, they will receive a new card by mail from NYSCA. This card should be kept on them at all times while coaching.
- If a coach fails to keep their certification current they will be required to begin certification over again as an Initial level coach.