

# LOUISIANA

# YOUTH



# COACHES

# ALLIANCE

2008 Membership Policies

Louisiana Youth Coaches Alliance is a non-profit organization formed to provide urban youth with positive alternatives to the streets. Louisiana Youth Coaches Alliance is focus on the developmental enrichment of all its members and programs. Louisiana Youth Coaches Alliance reviews, regulates, governs, and supervises all forms of youth athletics in the East Baton Rouge Parish communities. The organization, with community, church, and the Park & Recreation Commission for the East Baton Rouge Parish's (*BREC*) support, is determined to create an understanding, develop respect, inspire leadership, foster teamwork, establish discipline, and nurture love amongst our youth & communities through athletics and educational programs.

Louisiana Youth Coaches Alliance's mission is to utilize organized and structured athletics as a tool to enlighten and cultivate the development of well rounded youth through establishing a foundation of the following life skills:

- Responsibility
- Goal Setting
- Sportsmanship
- Self Control
- Smart Decisions
- Teamwork
- Leadership
- Perseverance

Louisiana Youth Coaches Alliance will promote the building of this foundation throughout its programs and by its members.

Louisiana Youth Coaches Alliance has started its' initiatives to improve the quality of youth athletics & life by partnering with the Park & Recreation Commission for the East Baton Rouge Parish (*BREC*) to enhance the quality of the current Junior Tackle Football program offered to the East Baton Rouge Parish communities.

Louisiana Youth Coaches Alliance is committed to the furthering of education of all its' members in all aspects of athletics (coaching, officiating, rules, child development, first aid, team management, etc.).

Membership in the Alliance is open to all parties interested in furthering the value of youth athletics. Members will be required to participate in an annual membership fee. This membership fee will be utilized to fulfill the mission of the Alliance.

No member is authorized to create any communications (letters, flyers, brochures, etc.), contact any businesses, parents, or any parties, or fundraise in the name of the Louisiana Youth Coaches Alliance without the written consent.

## **Guiding Principles**

- Absolutely no alcoholic beverages or drugs will be consumed at any Louisiana Youth Coaches Alliance sponsored function, i.e. practice, games, banquets, etc. Stress a DRUG FREE environment.
- Absolutely no obscene language, this includes the “N”-word, at any time (practice, meetings, games, etc.).
- Absolutely no negative comments are allowed at any time. Yell encouragement, whisper constructive criticism.
- Everyone plays.
- Teach every participant. Emphasize the fundamentals.
- Make it fun for every participant.
- Teach the RULES to every participant (coaches, officials, student athletes, parents, etc.).

## **Specific Guidelines**

### *Coaches*

- Coaches should be committed to the development of all Student Athletes.
- Coaches should educate Student Athlete on sports rules and regulations.
- Coaches should expose Student Athlete to all positions in the sport.
- Coaches should motivate Student Athletes to do their best on and off the field.
- Coaches should communicate all problems to parents.
- Coaches should ensure all Student Athletes are monitored during activities.
- Coaches should monitor Student Athletes development progress.
- Coaches are expected to attend every practice and game.
- Coaches are to assign Assistant Coaches to appropriate areas.
- Coaches are automatically members of the Equipment Committee.
- Coaches are not authorized to create any communications (letters, flyers, brochures, etc.) without the written consent of the board.
- Coaches are not authorized to contact any businesses, parents, or any parties without the written consent of the board.
- Coaches are not authorized to fundraise for Scotlandville Sports Academy without the written consent of the board.

## Governance Structure, Roles, and Responsibilities

All committees and councils shall function in a democratic capacity. Seventy five percent (75%) of the membership of a committee must be present in order for a meeting to commence. Seventy five percent (75%) of the votes are needed to pass any motion presented during a meeting. Chairpersons, of each committee and council, shall be elected from amongst the members of each respectively.

### *Executive Committee*

- All Executive Committee members must be active registered volunteers within the Alliance.
- The Executive Committee will consist of fourteen (14) Commissioners. These Commissioners are composed of the following members:
  - Alliance Chairperson (Committee Chairperson)
  - Four (4) members from the Coaches Council
  - Three (3) members from the Officials Council
  - Two (2) At-Large registered members from the Community Council
  - Chairs of the Sports & Rules, Education, Coaches' & Officials' Training, Awards, and Equipment Committees
- The Executive Committee will consist of the following offices: Chairperson (Alliance Chairperson), Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Officers cannot hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms.
- The Executive Committee shall monitor the Volunteer Committees to assist in reaching the Alliance's goals.
- The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month to report each functions progress.

### *Coaches Council*

- The Coaches Council will consist of all registered coaches.
- Coaches should be committed to the development of all Student Athletes.
- Coaches should educate Student Athlete on sports rules and regulations.
- Coaches should expose Student Athlete to all positions in the sport.
- Coaches should motivate Student Athletes to do their best on and off the field.
- Coaches should communicate all problems to parents.
- Coaches should ensure all Student Athletes are monitored during activities.
- Coaches should monitor Student Athletes development progress.
- Coaches are required to following all rules governing the Alliance and any program governed by the Alliance. Any violations resulting in the negligence of a coach will result in immediate disbarment from this Alliance and any sport governed by this Alliance. This ruling will be considered the DEATH PENALTY for a coach.
- Coaches are expected to attend Alliance functions.

### *Officials Council*

- The Officials Council will consist of all registered officials.
- Officials should be committed to the development of all Student Athletes.
- Officials should educate Student Athlete on sports rules and regulations.
- Officials should motivate Student Athletes to do their best on and off the field.

- Officials should communicate all problems to coaches during any Alliance sponsored activities.

*Community Council (Non – Coaches/Officials)*

- The Community Council will consist of all registered non-coaches or officials.
- Should be committed to the development of all Student Athletes.
- Should educate Student Athlete on sports rules and regulations.
- Should motivate Student Athletes to do their best on and off the field.

*Volunteer Committees* – created to assist in reaching the Alliance’s goals. Membership to all of the following committees is on a volunteer basis. Volunteers must be registered members of the Louisiana Youth Coaches Alliance.

- Sports And Rules – Responsible for the regulation of rules used in the leagues governed by the Louisiana Youth Coaches Alliance. This committee will be formed by one (1) representative from each organization with a registered Louisiana Youth Coaches Alliance coach. The representative must be a registered Louisiana Youth Coaches Alliance member.
- Community Relations – Responsible for all community awareness projects, partnering programs, and fundraising activities. Louisiana Youth Coaches Alliance Chairperson heads this committee. This committee will be formed by four (4) registered member volunteers.
- Coaches’ & Officials’ Training – Responsible for educating and exposing coaches/officials to all aspects of the sport. This committee will be formed by five (5) registered member volunteers.
- Education – Responsible for coordinating the seminars and mentoring programs. Also responsible for tracking Student Athlete’s progress in school and coordinating All State Academic Teams. This committee will be formed by six (6) registered member volunteers.
- Awards – Responsible for coordinating all Team & Student Athlete recognition activities. This committee will be formed by three (3) registered member volunteers.
- Equipment – Responsible for assisting coaches on obtaining proper equipment and uniforms. This committee will be formed by three (3) registered member volunteers.

# LOUISIANA YOUTH COACHES ALLIANCE

## COACHES' REGISTRATION FORM

The Louisiana Youth Coaches Alliance is a non-profit community organization determined to enhance the lives of at risk youth in Louisiana through structured athletics and educational activities.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Team/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Division ('D-League', 'A', 'AA', or 'AAA'): \_\_\_\_\_

Head Coach or Assistant: \_\_\_\_\_

In return for me (a "Coach") being allowed to participate in the Louisiana Youth Coaches Alliance programs (the "Alliance"), I release and agree not to sue the Louisiana Youth Coaches Alliance, its directors, coaches, volunteers, sponsors, and affiliates from all present and future claims that may be made by me, my family, estate, heirs, or assigns for property damage, personal injury, or wrongful death arising as a result of the my participation in the Alliance and caused by the ordinary negligence of the parties listed above, wherever, whenever, or however the same may occur. I understand and agree that those listed above are not responsible for any injury or property damage arising out of the Alliance, even if caused by their ordinary negligence. I am voluntarily participating in the Alliance. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless those listed above for all claims arising out of my participation in the Alliance and all related activities. I agree to let the parties use my name and likeness free of charge in any manner and for any purpose without compensation to me. I understand that this document is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the state of Louisiana and agree that if any portion of this Agreement is invalid, the remainder will continue in full legal force and effect. I am of legal age and am freely signing this Agreement. I have read this form and understand that by signing this form, I am giving up legal rights and remedies.

I agree that the terms of this release are binding on me. I also hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the Alliance's Membership Policies.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

LYCA Admin Use Only:	Completed Registration:	Date:
	Completed Certification:	Date:
	Recertification Required:	Date:
	Completed Background Check:	Date: