

GBSA COACHING REQUIREMENTS & COMPLETION INSTRUCTIONS

To be a coach in GBSA, you must meet three requirements:

1. Read and acknowledge to adhere to the GBSA Coach's Pledge,
2. Pass a Federal background check, and
3. Complete the National Federation of State High School Association' (NFHS) Concussion in Sports training.

THESE ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO GBSA PRIOR TO YOUR TEAMS FIRST PRACTICE!!! (PRACTICE MAY BE CANCELLED IF THE COACHES REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT COMPLETE)

What is the Pledge I need to sign?

You will be asked to sign the GBSA's Coach's Pledge.

GBSA Coach's Pledge and Memorandum of Understanding:

- I have been provided a copy of GBSA rules for all leagues and age levels.
- I have been provided a copy of GBSA safety rules, policies, and Covid safety protocols.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group. I will not verbally, emotionally, or sexually abuse any player. I understand these actions are not covered by the GBSA insurance policy.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I promise to review and practice basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will not cheat or engage in any form of unethical behavior that violates GBSA rules.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I have been provided the rules of will be knowledgeable of the rules of and will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults
- I understand that transporting youths to activities is not covered by the GBSA insurance policy.
- I will not allow players who are not registered with GBSA participate in GBSA activities. I understand that players that are not on a roster are not covered by GBSA insurance policy.
- I will follow all GBSA policies related to health and safety including Covid safety protocols.

*Adapted from the National Alliance from Youth Sports

To complete sign the Coach's Pledge please visit:

<https://grandviewbaseballandsoftballassociation.teamsnapsites.com/teams/coaches-corner/coaches-pledge/>

How do I complete the background check?

All background checks will run through Teamsnap and a company called Checkr. After you complete the Coach's Pledge, you are officially registered as a GBSA Coach. As a registered coach, an email will be sent to you through Teamsnap. Follow the instructions from the email and provide the information requested. Checkr will alert GBSA that the background check has been completed and the results. The GBSA Board will contact you only if there is a need to discuss any situation further.

How do I take Concussion in Sports training course?

This is a mandated training for all coaches working with youth in the state of Ohio.

- 1) Each coach needs to visit <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/concussion-in-sports-2>.
- 2) Complete the training.
- 3) At the conclusion of the training, it will give you a prompt to download your certificate. Download the certificate.
- 4) E-mail your certificate to the GBSA Coaches contact (see coaches handbook).

This training is valid for three years. If you are unsure if a certificate is on file, please just check with the GBSA board.