

So You Want to Coach at St. Mark!

In order to work with our children in any way, you must:

- 1) **Be CERTIFIED as a CYO coach.** To check if you are authorized to coach, checkout the CYO listings at <http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/yyam-cyo/athletics/coachesdevelopment.htm>

To register, go to: <http://ccdocle.org/cyo/coaches-development-program/cdp-registration>

There is a \$35 fee to obtain certification. SMAA will reimburse you for this. Send reimbursement requests to Tim.Schmidt@stmarksports.org

- 2) **Be VIRTUS trained.** If you are not trained, you must register to be trained before you can attend practices or games (we will allow you 14 days in order to become VIRTUS trained – after that, you will NOT be allowed at practices or games until you are trained). Linda Capp is very accommodating and will work hard to make this as convenient as possible. To contact Linda, call 216-226-7577. There is no fee to become VIRTUS trained. You may be VIRTUS trained at any approved VIRTUS training location if you cannot attend it at St. Mark. You must remain current in all VIRTUS training material.
- 3) **Be FINGERPRINTED – WITH UPDATES EVERY FIVE YEARS.** If you have not been fingerprinted, OR IF YOU WERE FINGERPRINTED MORE THAN FIVE YEARS AGO, you must schedule a fingerprinting, and an acceptable report must be on file with the rectory **before** you can attend practices or games. The best place to get this done is the Bureau of Motor Vehicles at Warren Village. They send the results to St Mark Directly. The fee is \$40. SMAA will reimburse you for this. Send reimbursement requests to Tim.Schmidt@stmarksports.org
- 4) **Hand-in acknowledgement forms.** You need to acknowledge receipt of (and read and adhere to) the following policies: 1) Policy for the Safety of Children in Matters of Sexual Abuse, 2016 and 2) Standards of Conduct for Ministry, 2016 These policies and forms are available at the rectory, or by emailing Tim Schmidt at Tim.Schmidt@stmarksports.org.
- 5) **Complete a Volunteer Application.**
You can find this at the rectory, or by emailing Tim Schmidt at Tim.Schmidt@stmarksports.org.
- 6) **Complete the online CONCUSSION TRAINING COURSE** (National Federation of High Schools - NFHS) (renewable every 3 years) AT THIS LINK: <http://www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=38000>

Please note that items 2, 3, 4, and 5 above are Catholic Diocese/St. Mark Parish guidelines. They apply to anyone who wants to help out at school, chaperone at school events or at Camp Chris. Any active parent who has young children should take the time now to get these items behind them. They will then be set for years to come. If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please contact Tim Schmidt at 216.407.6646 or at tim.schmidt@stmarksports.org.