



# Madison County Parks and Recreation

## Youth Sports Coach Training

### Objective:

Ensure that our coaches are given adequate training regarding concussions and concussion protocols; ensure that our coaches are able to recognize signs of child abuse and mandatory reporting.

### Details:

- ~~Concussion Training – <https://heads-up.cdc.gov> – Head Up Concussion Safety Course~~
- ~~Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect – [www.dss.virginia.gov/abuse/mr.cgi](http://www.dss.virginia.gov/abuse/mr.cgi) – select option “For Educators”~~
- Updated Courses: [www.nfhslearn.org](http://www.nfhslearn.org) – select Concussion Course and Protecting Students from Abuse Course. Both are free courses.

### Requirements:

- All Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Camp Counselors and Instructors will be required to complete the Concussion course and the Child Abuse course (as listed above) prior to first practice.
- Certification will last for a period of 2 years for MCPRA at maximum. Other organizations may require yearly certifications.
- Effective for all sport seasons beginning after January 1, 2020.

### Details:

- High School, Middle School, and Madison Youth Soccer Coaches are required to complete the programs and supply certificates of completion. This can be sent to MCPRA to add to our database.
- MCPRA will host one group session prior to the start of each season. All coaches in programs NOT requiring individual certificates must complete the training either in our group session or individually and send the certificate to MCPRA. They must be in the session prior to the start of the training or their participation will not count.
- MCPRA office may be used for internet access for coaches wanting to complete the course outside the group session.