

Hershey Blaze Track Club

Coaching & Volunteer Responsibilities & Expectations



Introduction

So you're interested in coaching with the Hershey Blaze Track Club? That is Great News!! Being a HBTC is a very rewarding opportunity and doesn't require a whole lot of background. Though experience is always welcomed- the success of our club comes from individuals who really want to help the kids have fun and grow in the sport of track & field. As you consider coaching/ volunteering with our organization please take a moment to review some of the responsibilities and requirements of a Blaze coach.

Descriptions

Coaches

- *Assist head coach as club teacher and track enthusiast*
- *Attend practices regularly and communicate in a timely fashion if unable to attend*
- *Attend Meets when possible. Athletes need your feedback*
- *Help provide regular communication to the team (kids & parents) throughout the season (i.e., pre-season announcements, coaching tips, weekly announcements, team meetings, parent meetings)*
- *Help distribute team awards and athlete recognition during participation at meets,*
- *Gather team meet results, record team progress*
- *Ensure fun and excitement at practices and meets - teach good sportsmanship*
- *Help with set-up and clean-up at each practice and meet*
- *Provide feedback to Head Coach for club improvements*
- *Must abide by the rules and policies set forth by the HBTC and the USATF to ensure a SAFE, SECURE, and POSITIVE experience for each participant*

Age Group Coordinators

These people aren't necessarily coaches but anyone willing to assist the club on the micro level.

- *Work with both the head and assistant coaches to ensure consistent communication and administration of the team activities*
- *Assist with Team Picture Day, meet results, team meeting locations (consistent for each practice and meet), help with parent participation at team meetings, events and socials.*
- *Age Group Coordinators shall be the "go-between" of parents and coaches*

Blaze Advisory Committee

- *See Alan Paynter if you have an interest in the Blaze Advisory Committee*

Certifications/ Requirements

USATF and Hershey Blaze TC require that all coaches and volunteers working with youth must complete the following steps in order before being listed on the USATF Online Coaches Registry:

- 1. Required to be a member of USA Track & Field Association (\$30)*
- 2. Complete the require Background Screening provided by USATF (\$8)*
- 3. Pennsylvania Child Abuse Clearances (waived)*
- 4. Complete the required Safe Sport Training (waived)*
- 5. Email all confirmations to the Head Club Administrator*

'All coaches who complete the above requirements will be reimbursed a club \$25 credit which can be credited for their child(s) account, coaching shirts, etc. This must be completed by March 30th in order to receive the credit.

"" Further certification encouraged but not required are :

NFHS Certification

USATF Coaching Level 1 Certification

NASE, PFT or CSCS Certification

IYCA Level 1 Certification

Important Links:

USATF Membership- <http://www.usatf.org/Products—Services/Individual-Memberships.aspx>

USATF Background Checks- <http://www.usatf.org/Resources-for—/Coaches/Coaches-Registry/Registered-Coaches-Program.aspx>

Safesport Training- <http://training.teamusa.org/store/details/1>

NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Certification

<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/20000/coaching-track-and-field>