



**SJAFB Youth Sports
Mission Statement**

The mission of Seymour Johnson's youth sports program is to offer a wide array of organized sports activities for youth, to help them develop desirable physical skills and to mature emotionally and socially.

The sports program provides opportunities for children to have contact with other youth, volunteer leaders, and Youth Programs staff. It also provides opportunities for parents and other adults to interact with children while contributing to the Air Force community by serving as Youth Programs volunteers.

Welcome to the World of Youth Sports

This should be quite an experience for you and your child. Our primary purpose is to provide quality, leisure time activities that motivate and build self-esteem in your child through the use of volunteer coaches.

There are two main objectives we consider very important for all players in the youth sports program. Our first objective is to provide a safe sports program that covers the players, coaches and parents. The second objective is for the players to have fun and enjoy the game.

The key ingredients needed in any youth sports program is a well-trained and motivated coach that makes the game fun and enjoyable.

If you have any questions or concerns about the youth sports program, we are always available and will be glad to answer your questions.

Brent Marriner
Youth Sports Coordinator

Important phone numbers

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Youth Sports Coordinator: 722-0503
Youth Programs Front Desk: 722-0502
Youth Programs Director: 722-0505

We always strive ...

- To provide meaningful experiences for all participants through quality instruction, emphasizing good sportsmanship and equal play, along with teamwork, respect dedication and discipline.
- To provide an atmosphere where each child feels a sense of belonging and achievement regardless of ability.
- To recognize effort and improvement along with achievement to help improve self-esteem and foster a positive self-image.
- To provide guidelines to make each sport age-appropriate and to ensure proper fundamentals are developed and enthusiasm for the sport is fostered.
- To design each sport program to attract and retain every interested player and raise the level of play of each of these players as high as possible.
- To provide the support and training for parents and other interested adults who take on the responsibility of providing— through sports— these positive life-style choices for their children.

Program philosophy

We offer youth sports programs to provide base youth, ages 5 to 18, with opportunities to experience a wide variety of both team and individual sports in an age-appropriate and safe environment, to help participants develop desirable physical skills and to mature emotionally and socially.

• • CONCEPTS & GOALS • •

Fun and enjoyment:

To provide youth of all skill levels, ages 5-18, with opportunities for participation, fun and enjoyment

Leisure skills:

To provide opportunities for youth to develop life-time leisure skills

Physical Development:

To assist youth with physical development

1. Teaching fundamental and safe sport skills that are age-appropriate
2. Providing opportunities to improve their physical conditioning
3. Teaching sound health habits
4. Providing safe playing areas, proper supplies and equipment

Psychological development:

To help youth develop psychologically

1. Fostering the development of self-worth and personal identity
2. Providing opportunities to express and control emotions

3. Creating a learning environment.

Social development:

Help youth develop socially by providing opportunities:

1. To have fun with others
2. To learn independence and the importance of teamwork
3. To learn cooperation and sportsmanship
4. To develop leadership skills and initiative
5. To learn how to compete—how to put winning or losing in perspective

Concept of winning:

1. If winning is placed in a healthy perspective, participants can learn from both winning and losing.
2. Winning is not the primary goal. Do not define success as winning.
3. Losing a game or event is not a reflection on self-worth
4. Success is related to effort and is found in striving for the best they can do.

Certification of coaches

All youth sports coaches must be certified under the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA), must be current in CPR & First Aid and are required to attend four hours of valuable training. Installation records checks will be conducted on all coaches and volunteers.

Registration

Each child participating in youth sports at Seymour Johnson AFB must be registered, in person, by a parent or legal guardian.

- A current physical is required before the first practice.

Refund

A full refund will only be given for PCS or medical reasons. There will be a \$5 surcharge during registration, \$10 surcharge after the first practice, and a \$15 surcharge once uniforms are purchased. NO REFUNDS will be given after the first game. This may only be approved by the Youth Sports Coordinator or Youth Programs Director. Supporting documentation is required depending on the circumstances surrounding request.

Awards and Team Parties

Awards will be provided by the sports department. End of season party plans will be made at the discretion of each coach and team.

We appreciate parents input both on and off the playing areas. Please make sure that you fill out an ICE comment card after each season, send in your annual assessment of the program and ensure that if you have any concerns you bring them up immediately to the coach. If the coach cannot help you then please contact the Youth Sports or Youth Directors for assistance. Did you know about the Airman and Family Services Parent Advisory Board (PAB)? If not on a quarterly basis you can meet with other parents and discuss and advise Youth Programs about what you would like to see for your children. For dates and times, please contact the Youth Center who can provide you with the newest PAB members contact information.

Parents are required to attend an annual league orientation meeting conducted by the YP staff or have a on-on-one meeting to ensure that you have all the information in regards to your child's sporting program such as by-laws, health, safety and positive guidelines. All teams must have at least one team/parent meeting each season that is separate from the required Parent Orientation, so please make sure you attend this meeting with your coach to be informed of sport/team specifics. This will ensure that your child has a safe and FUN season!

How to Get Involved

Youth Sports cannot exist without the support and involvement of parents and community members. If you would like to act as a coach, team parent, official, or other supporting member, please contact the Youth Sports Coordinator. We would love to include you in our program!

FYI

The Seymour Johnson AFB Youth Sports Policies and Procedures Handbook and all applicable Air Force publications are available for review upon request.

