



SOUTHSHORE YOUTH SPORTS

Ministry Handbook

A MESSAGE FROM *our pastors*



Hello Southshore Youth Sports Team!

Thank you for being a part of such an integral serve team here at Wellspring. Every practice, game and interaction on the field, you have a great opportunity to serve God by serving others with your passions, kindness, talents and testimony.

When you come prepared to get on a child's level, notice them, grow them in their sport and their faith- you are leading the way and helping children to encounter God in a way that could change their lives forever.

Leading others in this way is not only an honor but a great responsibility. Thank you for giving it your all and for realizing that every opportunity you have with your families and teams is **SOMEONE'S DAY** where they realize their God-given purpose and potential.

As you help to create purposeful environments and interactions here at Wellspring through sports, you are greatly impacting the Kingdom.

Thank you and God bless you,

Pastor Joey + April Adkins

WELCOME

Welcome to Southshore Youth Sports! We are thrilled to have you as a part of our sports family. Our desire is that this team is not only a place where you can use your gifts but also to find life-giving relationships. In this handbook, you will find what you need to start your journey.





WHY WE EXIST

To lead people to become fully engaged followers of Jesus!

OUR PURPOSE

To empower our youth through faith, on and off the field.

SYS

Cultural Values

BE COMMITTED

We aim to, "train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). This means that our time with the children is centered around God first and then the sport.

Our volunteers pray before and after each practice and game. We also spend time reading a devotion on practice night.

We have two 12-week seasons, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. You have the option to commit to one or both. A standard season consists of one practice per week, either on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday from 5:30-6:30 PM, and one game on Saturday at either 8:30, 9:30, or 10:30 AM. This is 24 hours in the season.

During the season we ask that you prepare ahead of time for practices and games. Use the Team Sideline app to read and respond to parent comments and check WhatsApp at least once a week to communicate with staff and coaches.

We trust that our level of commitment has a real impact on our teams and how we minister to the children.

BE A REGULAR ATTENDER

We ask that you be a regular attendee of a church each week. It does not have to be Wellspring Community Church, but it is important that you are plugged into a church somewhere.

PREPARE EXECUTE FOLLOW-THROUGH

Prepare

For the first 3 weeks of practices, SYS staff provides drills on the Mojo app. Your job is to **prepare** for your practice by having your own drills ready or using the Mojo drills. Equipment is provided each week by SYS staff. Mojo drills will always be available all season, just not tailor-made by SYS.

Execute

We encourage every coach to arrive 10-15 minutes before each practice and game. This will allow you to set up your training and properly warm up the players. Your goal each week is to **execute** your training plan.

Follow-through

Southshore Youth Sports uses Teamsideline and WhatsApp as our main lines of communication. Please **follow-through** regularly on Teamsideline to communicate with parents and WhatsApp to communicate with SYS staff and coaches. This is strongly encouraged for you to be well informed.



DRESS CODE

We set the standard for the children on how we look and present ourselves, so please be mindful of your clothing options.

- Shorts need to be appropriate lengths (for women, think the “fingertip rule”)
- Shirts can be sleeveless, but not spaghetti-strap, racer-back, or crop tops.
- Closed-toe shoes are highly encouraged.
- You will receive a jersey for your serving position that we ask you to wear on game day.

A photograph of a basketball game in progress. A basketball is suspended in the air at the top center. Several players are visible, with their arms raised in an attempt to reach the ball. The players are wearing various colored jerseys: yellow, green, and blue. The background shows a chain-link fence and some trees, suggesting an outdoor court setting. The overall image has a semi-transparent dark overlay.

SERVING POSITIONS

- Coach
- Assistant Coach
- Referee
- Field Keeper

BACKGROUND CHECK

A background check will be performed for every position. This is for the safety of you and the children.



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