

National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education



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University of Notre Dame's Play Like a Champion Today Coaching Courses Accredited

The University of Notre Dame's Play Like a Champion Today's (PLC) coaching education courses were recently awarded accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education (NCACE). "NCACE is pleased to have worked with PLC on the accreditation of their two coaching education courses. We are especially pleased PLC believes accrediting their courses is part of their process to train thousands of youth and interscholastic coaches nationwide," stated Christopher Hickey, NCACE executive director.

PLAC is one of only 17 NCACE accredited programs overall and only the second one to receive domain specific accreditation (Domain 1 – Philosophy & Ethics, and Domain 4 – Growth & Development) by NCACE.

"Play Like a Champion Today® (PLC) and our partners from cities around the United States and Canada are honored to receive NCACE accreditation for our character-oriented workshops serving youth sports and high school coaches. Both scholars and youth sports leaders agree that coaches bear the primary responsibility for establishing team climates that promote the development of young athletes as complete persons. We are grateful to NCACE for recognizing the importance of focusing coaches' attention on fundamental principles and practices of education for justice and integrity. NCACE assures that coach educators meet the standards of excellence to which we all aspire. We owe our children nothing less," said Clark Power, PLC director.

About NCACE

The National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education (NCACE) is an organization established by the coaching education community across the U.S. Representatives include members from the single-sport, multi-sport, science/medical/educational fields, and colleges/universities concerned about the availability and quality of coaching education at all levels of sport. NCACE is a not-for-profit organization comprised of organizations and individuals involved in or supporting coaching and coaching education. NCACE supports, facilitates development of, and accredits coaching education programs and established program

standards to conduct the program review for organizations seeking to provide effective coaching education programs at all levels. For more information, visit www.NCACEinfo.org or contact NCACE at 1-800-213-7193, ext. 393.

About PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY®

Crafted by leaders in the fields of educational, developmental, and sport psychology, the Play Like a Champion Today Program® at the University of Notre Dame centers around moral principles of justice, caring, respect, and solidarity, using the best “athlete-centered” practices supported by social science research. Now in its fifth year, PLC has developed partnerships with athletic leagues, youth sport organizations, and high schools around the United States, Canada, and most recently in Uganda. Over 18,000 coaches and 3,000 parents have participated in PLC workshops. For more information, visit www.playlikeachampion.org.