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NCACE Update

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Dear Christopher,

Welcome to the second NCACE Update. Its goal is to become a valued source of information for you regarding sport coaching

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education, related issues- topics, and promotion of quality sport coaching education. The Updates will be published quarterly with supplemental newsletters between when there is time-sensitive information to relay to you.

I am settling in as the NCACE Executive Director, getting my feet wet answering calls about coaching and coaching education, administering our accreditation process, and generally promoting NCACE and the need for quality coaching education. Overall, I am enjoying it -immensely!

Sincerely,
Christopher Hickey
Executive Director

New Accredited Coaching Program

The University of Notre Dame's Play Like a Champion Today coaching education program was awarded domain-specific accreditation in late October 2010. The following two courses were accredited:

- Sports as Ministry for Youth Coaches - Domains 1 & 4 - Level 1
- Play Like a Champion Today for High School Coaches Clinic - Domain 1 - Level 3

National Activity Plan

The National Physical Activity Plan provides a roadmap to get America moving. It addresses all the behavioral, policy, educational, medical and physical infrastructure issues that affect how and why so many Americans are not moving. It unites professionals across sectors- in medicine and public health, transportation and urban planning, business, education and recreation - in a massive effort to unite and solve the problem.

Check out the National Coalition to Promote Physical Activity's [website](#) for more information.

Upcoming Conferences of Interest

Fifth Annual Coaches & Sport Science College 2010

Eastern Tennessee State Univ's Center of Excellence for Sport Science and Coach Education is sponsoring its fifth annual Coaches & Sport Science College 17-18 Dec 2010. Check out the

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National AAHPERD Conference 2011

The national AAPHERD Conference will be held in San Diego, CA, from March 25th till April 2nd. Check [AAHPERD](#) for more information.

National Coaching Conference 2011

The USA Coaching Coalition is pleased to announce the 2011 National Coaching Conference (NCC) in Colorado Springs June 22 - 25 will be hosted by the United States Olympic Committee. The conference will focus on best practices in coaching and coaching education, targeting the latest research, practical workshops, and keynote speakers on today's hot topics.

This conference will combine the previously held National Coach Educator's Conference and the USOC's National Coaches Conference.

The conference will "educate, collaborate, and celebrate" by:

- Securing top professionals to share knowledge through formal presentations, breakout sessions, and dynamic panels
- Providing athlete support staff with opportunity to network and debate issues and ideas with colleagues
- Celebrating the profession of coaching by recognizing great coaches at the youth, developmental and elite levels through the USOC Coach of the Year Awards Program

World-class information will be shared and clinics and demonstrations will be offered to the community of Colorado Springs on Olympic Day, June 25th that will target:

- local youth sport and high school coaches
- parents
- athletes

Of note, Dr. Kristen Dieffenbach has been named as the NCACE representative to the NCC planning committee. Please contact her at kristen.dieffenbach@mail.wvu.edu with any questions or suggestions.

Contact [Christine Bolger](#) at the USOC Coaching Department or check the conference's [website](#) for more information.

Special Olympics North

America Re-accredited

In September 2010, the National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education (NCACE) has awarded Special Olympics North America's Coach Education System Level 3 accreditation. "NCACE is pleased to have worked with SONA on the re-accreditation of their Coach Education System. We are especially thrilled, since Special Olympics was the inaugural coaching education program to be accredited by NCACE back in 2001 at level 2. Today, this re-accreditation at level 3 is a testament to the Special Olympics leadership who believes accrediting their coaching education program is part of delivering quality sports experiences. SONA has shown that it is a leader among leaders. Its coaching education program will serve as a prototype for other organizations seeking to promote excellence in coaching preparation. This, in turn, will play a major role in ensuring positive, healthy, and enjoyable sport experiences for all athletes," stated Christopher Hickey, NCACE executive director.

"SONA and its 102,000 coaches are honored to receive the NCACE Level 3 accreditation," said Bob Gobrecht, managing director, Special Olympics North America. "This recognition reinforces the quality of our program, coaching excellence and the high-level of resources each coach receives in order to enhance each athlete's sport experiences."

College & University Coaching Ed Programs - Online Directory

Fitness Information Technology, publisher of Challace McMillin's *College & University Coaching Education Programs Directory*, has made the Directory available online at no cost.

Colleges and universities interested in updating their information should check [Fitness Information](#).

Last Thoughts

There are two new documentaries that I recently watch and are related to our efforts as sport coaching educators. The first one is "[Waiting for Superman](#)" which is about our nation's public school system and its challenges. One of the movie's primary themes was that "great teachers make a difference in children's lives." We also know that great coaches are key to

delivering quality sports experiences to our youth.

The other documentary is called "[Race to Nowhere](#)" which deals with the pressures for success we are putting on our children. Wonder where time for unstructured play went to? This documentary has some of those answers. While not directly related to Waiting for Superman, it is a critical look at how we are defining success for our children.

I invite all of you to share news about your programs and information regarding coaching education through the future editions of this newsletter. Please share this newsletter with your peers, fellow coaches, students and interested athletes by using the "Forward email" function below.

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