



# Institute for Sport Coaching

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## ***Coaching Institute Receives Grant***

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ACTON, Mass. – The Boston Youth Sports Initiative has funded expansion of the Institute for Sport Coaching’s efforts in Boston. The grant will enable the Institute to expand its services, via its Metro Boston Coaches Academy, to include East Boston and Dorchester. “The Boston youth sports community needs the Academy as a provider of quality sport coaching education. The Academy’s ability to deliver coaching education programs in the neighborhoods of Boston will assist in creating more sports opportunities for Boston youth and we are pleased that we can assist in supporting the Institute’s operations,” stated Chris Lynch, Boston Youth Sports Initiative Coordinator.

“The Institute is very pleased to receive this grant which will enable us to expand our capacity to provide needed training services to the youth sport coaches in the City of Boston,” responded Christopher Hickey, the Institute’s Executive Director. “Creating quality trained sport coaches benefits American communities in many ways: 1) Getting more youth to stay with sports; 2) Increasing the numbers of people attracted to coaching and improving the retention of them; 3) Delivering positive and safer sports experiences to America’s youth; and 4) Reducing legal liabilities associated with sport,” added Hickey.

The Metro Boston Coaches Academy’s mission is to create safe and quality sports experiences for Boston youth through a network of quality trained sport coaches. All of its offerings will be designed with the goal of meeting the *National Standards for Sport Coaches*. It started its efforts this past summer with two pilot projects, a coaching clinic for the Boston Neighborhood Basketball League and the debut of the Sport Coach Boston: Successful Youth Coaching Workshop which was offered to youth sport coaches in Charlestown and Dorchester.

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The Institute for Sport Coaching, headquartered in Acton, MA, is a national, non-profit 501(c) 3 organization dedicated to developing and delivering educational experiences and leadership tools critical to the advancement and improvement of sport coaches in the United States. The Institute develops and nurtures professional, intercollegiate, interscholastic and youth sport coaches, and prepares them to provide positive experiences in sport and teach life skills to athletes. The Institute’s goals include combating obesity and inactivity among America’s youth and creating safe and quality sports experiences for young athletes through a network of quality sport coaches. Please see [www.instituteforsportcoaching.org](http://www.instituteforsportcoaching.org) for more information.