



National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education

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Coaching Education Leader Hired as New Executive Director

At the recent National Coaching Educators Conference in late June, Christopher Hickey was hired to be the new Executive Director of the National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education (NCACE). Hickey is the founder and Executive Director of the Massachusetts-based Institute for Sport Coaching.

"I have been a believer in quality coaching education since the late 1990s and now to be part of NCACE's efforts to improve coaching education is a honor and thrill," said Hickey. "NCACE has many challenges ahead of us including adjusting to advances in eLearning, and ensuring the National Standards for Sport Coaches is well-known to coaches, athletes and parents."

"We are very pleased to have such an accomplished sport coach and coaching educator as Chris to support NCACE through the next few years," stated Larry Judge, NCACE President. "Hickey's work with youth coaching education programs and his own coaching experience brings a rich and diverse background to our efforts to improve coaching quality across the United States," Judge added.

Hickey, a NCACE member since 2001, and a former member of the NCACE Board of Directors, has coached at all levels of sport since 1989, and is a USA Track & Field certified Level 1 Coach. He holds a Master's in Public Policy from the Univ. of Maryland-College Park, and a Master's of Sport Science from the US Sports Academy. Additionally, Hickey has a graduate certificate in Strategic Planning from the US Naval War College. A retired US Naval Reserve officer, Hickey is a graduate of the US Naval Academy and resides in Acton, Massachusetts with his family.

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.