

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20040431

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED: Support the Parks and Recreation Department's implementation of the *National Alliance for Youth Sports* coaches' and parents' conduct training programs. Adopt a resolution that clearly states how youth sports should operate in Lee County (sample attached). This resolution includes supporting *Recommendations for Communities* and the *National Standards for Youth Sports* developed through the National Summit on Raising Community Standards in Children's Sports (copies attached).

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY: To demonstrate that there is a strong consensus among Lee County community leaders that the philosophy of its youth sports programs should focus on putting the needs of the children first.

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES: Helps to ensure that every child who uses a Lee County sports facility has a safe and rewarding experience.

2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY: 1

COMMISSION DISTRICT #: 3

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3. MEETING DATE:

04-27-2004

4. AGENDA:

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:
(Specify)

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

- A. COMMISSIONER
- B. DEPARTMENT Sports Authority
- C. DIVISION
- BY: *Jeff Mielke*, Executive Director

7. BACKGROUND: Currently the *National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS)* parents and coaches programs have been utilized by more than 1.3 million coaches nationwide. Over 3,300 community based groups such as parks and recreation departments, Boys and Girls Clubs and youth leagues have partnered with NAYS to provide training programs at the local level. Currently the program covers two main areas. The *National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA)* focuses on improving out-of-school sports for participants ages 16 and under by educating volunteer coaches. The *Parents Association for Youth Sports (PAYS)* focuses on providing education to parents on their roles and responsibilities in youth sports. By adopting these programs, all coaches and parents affiliated with sports leagues that use Lee County facilities, will be held accountable for their behavior at all times.

Currently the Parks & Recreation Department has initiated the NAYS Start Smart Sports Development Program as a pilot initiative. This program is a proven instructional program that prepares children ages 3-5 for the world of organized sports without the threat of competition or the fear of getting hurt. Lee County Parks and Recreation has set a goal of offering this program at all Lee County Community Parks and Recreation Centers by the end of 2004.

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services <i>with 4/15/04</i> Risk			G County Manager	
<i>JM</i>				<i>Andrea Jesse</i>	OA <i>ehw 4/13/04</i>	OM <i>4/14/04</i>	Risk <i>or 4/12/04</i>	GC <i>4/13/04</i>	<i>4-15-04</i>

10. COMMISSION ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER

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by CO. ATTY.
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CO. ATTY. 4/13/04
FORWARDED TO:
Blake

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COUNTY ADMIN: *CD*
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COUNTY ADMIN
FORWARDED TO: *ML DS*
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LEE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE SUPPORT OF LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH SPORTS COACHES' AND PARENTS' CONDUCT TRAINING PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, Lee County recognizes the need to inspire changes in youth sports to make the experience safe, positive and fun for everyone involved; and,

WHEREAS, we believe in the benefits and attraction of youth sports as a means of teaching the children of this community values and skills that will be of benefit to them throughout life; and,

WHEREAS, we believe that in order to realize the true value of youth sports participation and to provide a safe, positive and fun environment in which children and their families may participate, we must raise the standards among the users of our community's youth sports facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Recommendations for Communities that were derived from the National Summit on Raising Community Standards in Children's Sports outlines a comprehensive community strategy to assist us in meeting these objectives; and,

WHEREAS, we believe that Lee County Parks and Recreation Department's adoption of the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS) Recommendations for Communities will ensure a high standard among the users of our community's facilities; and,

WHEREAS, we believe that league organizers and administrators must be educated on how to provide a safe, positive and fun youth sports environment; and,

WHEREAS, we believe volunteer coaches and parents must receive orientation and education as to their individual roles and responsibilities in our community's efforts to raise the standards of youth sports programs and that volunteer coaches and parents be held accountable for their behaviors; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable to establish requirements and procedures for youth sports organizations utilizing the public facilities; and,

WHEREAS, we believe young children must be given the opportunity to develop motor skills and sports specific knowledge with their parents in a structured program before they enter organized sports.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that Lee County recognizes and encourages official implementation of this Community Strategy to improve the culture of youth sports for all participants.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and, being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

BOB JANES _____

DOUGLAS ST. CERNY _____

RAY JUDAH _____

ANDREW COY _____

JOHN E. ALBION _____

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

ATTEST: CHARLIE GREEN
CLERK OF COURTS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Office of the County Attorney