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Subject : Re: Asheville Ultimate Club Youth Programming Spring Information  
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Shannon:

Please forgive me. I just noticed that I mistakenly wrote Odyssey instead of MNSA in the first paragraph! I'm trying to send too many emails too late at night!



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On Sat, Jan 20, 2024 at 9:51â€PM George Sieburg <[georgesieburg@gmail.com](mailto:georgesieburg@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Shannon:

Hello and Happy New Year! As the new Youth Coordinator for the Asheville Ultimate Club (AUC), Iâ€™m excited to welcome Odyssey and your students to the 2024 Ultimate Frisbee club season! Our team of area coaches, parents, and the AUC Youth Committee are already hard at work to get 2024 off to a fast and strong start.

In 2022, AUC's board voted to become insured by USA Ultimate (USAU) insurance. This partnership ensures stronger and more uniform coaching and programming, with support at the national level. USAU and AUC now require coaches to obtain "Foundational Coach" training, a process that includes background checks, Safe Sport certification, and additional qualifying training.

What that means for school administrators is that your student athletes should always have a USAU Certified Coach present, both at practices and during tournaments. You can expect Tom House, your program's coach to:

- communicate clearly about their certification & insurance coverage with AUC/USAU
- attend all practices; communicate about a substitute or cancellation in a timely fashion should the need arise
- show up prepared with gear, a practice plan, and an eagerness to build belonging among the youth.
- develop character, community, and mutual respect among youth participants
- create clear communication among participants, school administration, parents, and AUC

Participants may practice through their local schools. However, any athlete who plans to participate in the AUC youth league or tournament is required to enroll through the Asheville Ultimate Club's [website](#) for the 2024 Spring season.

I know that some school-based programs in our area may not be ready to meet the more rigid requirements of the USAU and AUC's policies. We will not dissuade participation, as that would be antithetical to the tenets of inclusivity inherent in Ultimate. Plus, we want to grow the sport in WNC! I will coordinate with you, your school, and your coach to help get you into the broader program within a year or two.

I feel strongly that the ethos of Ultimate is an amazing antidote for many of the challenges that our middle and high school students face, and so I appreciate your openness and willingness to provide the opportunity for your students to play Ultimate with the AUC. I encourage you to learn more about the value of Ultimate [here](#). I will follow up this email with a phone call in the next few weeks. Also, please note that I am on vacation next week with limited access to email and phone. If you need anything during that time, please reach out to Rachel Winner, AUC's Youth Committee Chair, who is cc'd on this email. Otherwise, I'll look forward to connecting around the beginning of February.

In community,



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