

**FAIR LAWN ALL-SPORTS BASEBALL/SOFTBALL  
COACHING CERTIFICATION CLASS & CLINIC**

To: Parents

From: Fair Lawn All-Sports Baseball & Softball Program Directors

The Fair Lawn All sports Association (FLAS) is required by the Borough of Fair Lawn to have all of its volunteer coaches (a) attend a FLAS certification class on an annual basis and (b) sign up for background checks with Morpho Trak, which includes fingerprinting. Sign-up for these background checks for the spring 2011 season should be done at registration in January, and is required regardless of any other similar processes the individual may have recently participated in.

Certification classes are offered a few times throughout the year to support all of our youth programs and to allow for flexibility for our parental community.

Certification consists of 2 components:

- 1) medical / first aid treatment and procedures
- 2) coaching youth athletics, techniques and skills

Registration / check-in date for this year's spring certification class has yet to be determined.

This year's certification class will also include age specific baseball/softball stations covering the fundamentals of hitting, pitching and coaching appropriate for specific age groups. While many youth coaches may feel that they have little need for additional insight, most experienced coaches will tell you that they have become students of the game by always craving knowledge and techniques.

REMEMBER.....that the goal is to spread the knowledge to our youth and make their experience a happy and safe one. We want to share some empowering sport knowledge with you and develop some consistent and basic fundamental skills for coaches at all levels. ***THIS PORTION OF CERTIFICATION IS MANDATORY FOR ALL BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL COACHES***, regardless of attendance at other certification classes within the past 12 months.