



The South Mountain YMCA Welcomes Our New Youth Sports Dynamic Duo: Coach Kelly & Coach Shaun

Jason Kelly (aka 'Coach Kelly') has been named the new Director of Youth Sports and Wellness.

After playing football in college, Jason pursued his passion for sports and wellness through a career coaching college football, while simultaneously earning his Master's Degree in Athletic Administration from Springfield College.

Jason later moved into high school sports to have a more compelling impact on the daily lives of young athletes. He coached students in grades 6-12 and established sports programming for the youngest students, PreK-5th grade. During this time, Coach Kelly found his true calling: introducing and developing a love of sports and lifetime wellness for all ages.

Shaun Hawkins (aka 'Coach Shaun') has been promoted to Assistant Director of Youth and Wellness. Shaun started his career at SOMAPY camp, mentored by Coach Dave Berry, and has continue to flourish as a program supervisor in School Age Child Care, coach to youth sports programs and, most recently, a lead basketball coach for the YMCAs youth sports and enrichment programming. Recently, Coach Shaun joined in supporting the East Orange YMCA as the Director of Youth Sports. Shaun has a BS in Physical Education with a concentration in Coaching from Montclair State.

We're excited Coach Kelly and Coach Shaun will continue to lead, expand and develop sports and wellness for the youth and adults throughout our SOMA community!

Be sure to stop by our Y Zone at the South Orange Play Day this Sunday, September 16 from 1-4pm to say hi!

Feel free to contact Coach Kelly jkelly@metroymcas.org or Coach Shaun shawkins@metroymcas.org and be sure to check our new fall lineup of classes!

