



Chicagoland American Youth Football

From the President's Desk

As we embark on year four of the Chicagoland AYP Conference let us not forget why we have grown from eleven organizations to twenty six in just four short years. We have grown because of the collective efforts of so many wonderful people, who volunteer their time to make this something special for the boys and girls, and young men and women who will remember these times for the rest of their lives.

Young minds are easily influenced, and we as adults have a responsibility greater than we may recognize to make certain that these young impressionable minds are cultivated in a way which will set them on the right path as they move towards adulthood.

Football in our conference is not just about X's and O's, mounts and dismounts, winning at all cost or preparing for High School. Our conference is about the experience. Most of these boys and girls will never again be on a football field when they leave our respective programs. That is why it is our job to make sure that while they are putting in the time and effort, it is safe, enjoyable, and educational and will be an experience they can keep with them for the rest of their lives.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable 2007 season, and would like to say thank you to the many volunteers who make it possible for the 11,000 participants to cheer and play football in the Chicagoland AYP Conference.

Ron Maxwell
President