

NCHSAA Coach Education Requirements

	Annual or Recurring Requirements Prior to			One-Time Requirement Prior to	
	Head Coach	Paid Coach	Volunteer	Head Coach	Paid or Volunteer Coach
NFHS "Fundamentals of Coaching" course				first date of competition	first date of competition
NFHS "Coaching Pole Vault" course				first date of competition (Head coach or pole vault coach)	
NFHS "AACCA Spirit Safety Certification" course *	first date of competition (Head Cheer Coach)				
NFHS "Concussion in Sports"	first date of practice	first date of practice	first date of practice		
Attend annual rules interpretation session either during NCCA clinic in July or at sport-specific state clinic **	first date of competition				
Have current and valid CPR/AED certification from accredited agency such as American Red Cross, American Heart Association. ***	first date of practice	first date of practice			
NFHS "Sudden Cardiac Arrest" course			first date of practice		

Shaded means not required.

Failure to complete any of these requirement(s) is a \$500 fine. An additional \$500 fine will be assessed if a coach coaches in a game prior to completing any requirement(s).

* Most certifications are valid for 4 years. If uncertain, about accreditation of agency, contact the NCHSAA.

** Rules interpretation clinics are required for every head coach except cross country and indoor track & field.

*** Most certifications are valid for 2 years. If uncertain about accreditation of agency, contact the NCHSAA.

All coaches are encouraged to complete the following NFHS certifications, which will enhance the commitment to professional development:

- ☐ Accredited Interscholastic Coach (AIC)
- ☐ Certified Interscholastic Coach (CIC)