NCHSAA Coach Education Requirements

| | Annual or Recurring Requirements Prior to | | | One-Time Requirement Prior to | |
|---|---|------------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| | Head Coach | Paid Coach | Volunteer | Head Coach | Paid/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 "Cheer and Dance Safety Certification" course * | first date of competition | | | | |
| NFHS "Concussion in Sports" | first date of practice | first date of practice | first date of practice | | |
| Complete sport-specific clinic on NFHS Learning Center** | first date of competition | | | | |
| Attend annual rules clinic online through NFHS Learning Center | 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 subject to penalties

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)

^{*} Certifications are valid for 4 years. If uncertain, about accreditation of agency, contact the NCHSAA.

^{**} Rules clinics are required for every head coach.

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