**NCHSAA & RCS** **Coach** **Education** **Requirements**

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|  | **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/ \***RCS first date of practice** | first date of competition/\***RCS first date of practice** |
| 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 |  |  |  |  |
| 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 | \***RCS** first date of practice |  |  |
| NFHS “Sudden Cardiac Arrest” course |  |  | first date of practice |  |  |
| Gfeller-Waller NCHSAA Statement Form | **\*RCS** first date of practice | \***RCS** first date of practice | \***RCS** first date of practice |  |  |
| |  | | --- | | NFHS “First Aid for Coaches” course | | NFHS “Coaching Pole Vault” course | | NFHS “AACCA Spirit Safety Certification” course **\*** | | NFHS “Concussion in Sports” | | Attend annual rules interpretation session either during NCCA clinic in July or at sport-specific state clinic **\*\*** | | Have current and valid CPR/AED certification from accredited agency such as American Red Cross, American Heart Association. **\*\*\*** | | NFHS “Sudden Cardiac Arrest” course | |  |  |  | **\*RCS** first date of competition | **\*RCS** first date of competition |
| NFHS “Sportsmanship” course | **\*RCS** first date of competition | **\*RCS** first date of competition | **\*RCS** first date of competition |  |  |

**\*RCS LEA District Requirements and Background check must be on file prior to first day 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.* *Cross* *country* *and* *indoor* *track* *&* *field* *coaches* *will* *not* *be* *penalized* *for* *the* *2019-2020* *school* *year.* **\*\*\*** *Most* *certifications* *are* *valid* *for* *2* *years.* *If* *uncertain* *about* *accreditation* *of* *agency,* *contact* *the* *NCHSAA.*

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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)