

NEW YORK STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED TEACHER COACHES

Per NYSED “Guidelines for Coaching Requirements”

Information Sheet Provided by Genesee Valley Educational Partnership - BOCES Regional Certification Office (585-344-7931)

- New York State Certified Teachers, including certified Pupil Personnel Services staff and School Administrators, **are not required** to obtain a license in order to coach high school sports. (Teaching Assistants are required to be licensed in order to coach.)
- Certified Teacher coaches are responsible for maintaining verification of all coaching course documents (coaching information for Certified Teacher coaches is not a part of the individual’s TEACH file). Verification of all documentation, including First Aid, CPR and coursework must be provided to a school district’s Athletic Department for any school district when actively coaching high school sports.
- Certified Teacher coaches must complete coaching coursework within the timeframe as listed below. All courses must be completed within 5 years of initial appointment to coach. If coursework has not been completed based on the established timeline, the Certified Teacher can apply for a time extension through the NYSED Office of Curriculum and Instruction. An application is available at the State’s website: <http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/athletics-and-coaching>
- NYSED “Guidelines for Coaching Requirements” is available at the State’s website: <http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/athletics-and-coaching>

CERTIFIED TEACHER COACH REQUIREMENTS

Initial Appointment to coach as a Certified Teacher requirements include:

- Initial First Aid must meet NYSED requirements (no exceptions allowed) – cannot be a renewal or updated training
- Initial CPR/AED must meet NYSED requirements (no exceptions allowed) – cannot be a renewal or updated training
- Concussion training is required by the school district for all coaches and must be renewed every two (2) years.

Coursework Requirements

- Initial coaching coursework (under Option I or Option II) must be completed within two (2) years of initial appointment to coach. Verification should be provided to the district’s Athletic Department.
- All coaching coursework (under Option I or Option II) must be completed within five (5) years of initial appointment to coach. Verification should be provided to the district’s Athletic Department.
- It is the responsibility of the Certified Teacher coach to maintain a copy of all coaching documentation since the individual will need to provide verification to any school district they coach for in the future.
- For an information sheet specific to the “Coaching Course Options” please contact Genesee Valley BOCES Regional Certification Office at 585-344-7931 or contact the district’s Athletic Department.

Options available for required coursework include:

Option I: New York State coaching courses including: 1) Principles, Philosophy and Organization of Athletics in Education; 2) Health Sciences Applied to Coaching and 3) Theory & Techniques of Coaching (sport specific).

- **Option I timeline for coursework completion:**
 - Principles, Philosophy and Organization of Athletics must be completed within two (2) years after initial appointment to coach.
 - Health Sciences Applied to Coaching must be completed within five (5) years after initial appointment to coach.
 - Theory & Techniques of Coaching (sport specific) must be completed within five (5) years after initial appointment to coach.

Note: If coursework under Option I was completed through a college and the coursework is verified on a college transcript, the individual can apply for a coaching course equivalency review by completing an appropriate application and submitting it to the NYSED Office of Curriculum and Instruction along with a copy of the official college transcript and related course descriptions. Application for equivalency review is available at: <http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/athletics-and-coaching>.

Option II: National Federation of State High School (NFHS) Coach Certification Program ONLINE courses including: 1) NFHS Level 1 Accredited Interscholastic Coach Course and 2) NFHS Level 2 Certified Interscholastic Coach Course including internship in accordance with guidelines. NFHS Coach Certification Program is available at www.nfhslearn.com.

- **Option II timeline for courses:**
 - NFHS Level 1 AIC course must be completed within two (2) years of initial appointment to coach.
 - NFHS Level 2 CIC course must be completed within five (5) years of initial appointment to coach.
 - The Internship Evaluation Attestation **Form** must be completed by the Athletic Director for verification of internship requirements to be maintained by district.