

CIF/PUSD Coaching Certification

- The purpose of the CIF/PUSD Coaching Education Program is to enhance the experience of student-athletes by assuring that their coaches meet a minimum level of professional training. The program provides strong, pragmatic and comprehensive instruction for coaches of interscholastic athletics in California that is consistent with the highest national standards as set by the legislature, state Department of Education, California Interscholastic Federation and National Federation of State High School Associations.

The primary requirements for coaching high school sports in California are:

1. A General Coaching Education Course

The most commonly utilized courses are:

- The Fundamentals of Coaching course through the NFHS <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/61001>

OR

- CIF Coaching Principles course offered through ASEP
http://www.asep.com/courseInfo/purchase_courseinfo.cfm?courseID=227

OR

- CIF Coaching Orientation course offered in a classroom setting (contact your school AD) or online through ASEP http://www.asep.com/courseInfo/purchase_courseinfo.cfm?CourseID=189

2. A Sports Specific Concussions Course

- Concussion in Sports offered through NFHS: <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/38000>
- Concussionwise offered through ASEP:
http://www.asep.com/courseInfo/purchase_courseinfo.cfm?CourseID=273

3. Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) Training-

- NFHS offers a free course at: <http://nfhslearn.com/courses/61032/sudden-cardiac-arrest>
- ASEP offers the course at: http://www.asep.com/courseInfo/purchase_courseinfo.cfm?CourseID=275

SCA Signature forms for School/District's: [SCA Parent/Student Review Form / Spanish Version](#)

4. First Aid and CPR Certification Please consult barraza.gilbert@pusd.us or the athletic director and/or assistant principal of the school for this requirement. Contact online: American Heart Association (AHA) http://cpr.heart.org/AHA/ECC/CPRECC/FindACourse/UCM_473162_Find-A-Course.jsp

5. TB Test Please visit <http://www.pusd.us/Page/776> for more information and contacts for Tuberculosis Testing procedures.

6. Finger Printing Process PUSD offers the service for a fee. Be advised your fingerprints will be processed via the CA Dept. of Justice and FBI. There is a fee of \$44 fee paid to PUSD by money order.

FAQs CIF COACHING EDUCATION

Who is required to pass the Coaching Education class?

CIF Bylaw 22.B. (9) states: "Definition of a coach, paid or unpaid: Any individual that the school/district is required to approve under California Education Code 33190-33192, 45125.01 and 45125.1." Simply stated, the law applies to anyone who is required to be fingerprinted and/or is approved by their local school board/directors to have contact with students. This applies to all CIF member schools, public and private.

What Coaching Education Courses are accepted for certification?

The NFHS "Fundamentals of Coaching" Course, the ASEP "Coaching Principles" and the ASEP "CIF Coaching Orientation" courses meet California's standards for Coaching Education.

How do I get the coaches certified in my school/district?

1. Coaches can go on their own to www.nfhslearn.com and take the "Fundamentals of Coaching" course online for \$52.
2. Any representative from a school/district can also go to www.nfhslearn.com and purchase license #'s in bulk (\$52 each), for their coaches. The coaches then go online and complete the "Fundamentals of Coaching" course to become certified.
3. Human Kinetics/ASEP offers an online version of CIF/ASEP Coaching Principles and offered at http://www.asep.com/asep_content/org/CIF.cfm for \$59. The CIF will also accept the "Coaching Orientation" course offered by ASEP.
4. A Certified Instructor in the Human Kinetics/ASEP program can still order CIF/ASEP Coaching Principles packets from the CIF State Office (Call Erin Davenport @ 916-239-4477), but all purchases of CIF/NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching materials or online licenses will be made through the NFHS (<http://www.nfhslearn.com>)

We cannot always fill our coaching positions prior to the season. How do we get coaches certified when someone is hired at the last moment?

The CIF Bylaw and the Education Code allows for this common situation. A school/district may hire a coach that is not certified, **but only for one sports season**. The coach must complete the certification before they can coach another season and/or a second sport. The State law (SB39) allows for this one sports season exception in the case of an emergency. Because there are online options for same day certification, it should be a rare situation when this exception is utilized.

If I completed and passed the former CIF/ASEP Coaching Education program, do I have to retake the class?

At the present time...NO! If you completed the course and passed the test, you are certified and will be listed on the "Coaches Registry" database at www.asep.com or www.nfhslearn.com.

Do I have to renew my Concussion certification?

Yes, the Concussion course renewal is directly tied to the renewal date for your First Aid/CPR. Whenever you renew your First Aid/CPR, you should retake a sports specific concussion course. NFHS offers a FREE course titled, Concussion in Sports.

Who do I contact for information regarding the CIF Coaching Education Program?

Contact Erin Davenport at edavenport@cifstate.org or (916) 239-4477 or PUSD AD Gilbert Barraza barraza.gilbert@pusd.us (626) 720-2410