

2025-26 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	
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

All athletic directors and coaches are encouraged to complete the following NIAAA/NFHS certifications, which will enhance the commitment to professional development:

- Accredited Interscholastic Coach (AIC)
- Certified Interscholastic Coach (CIC)
- Registered Middle School Athletic Administrator (RMSAA)
- Registered or Certified Athletic Administrator (RAA/CAA)