

ARTICLE 10 - QUALIFICATION OF COACHES AND ADVISORS

Section 1 - Qualification of Athletic Coaches

A. The Board of Directors has adopted the Alaska Coaches Education Program for all high school level athletic coaches who have direct supervision of students. This may include head coaches and assistant coaches at all levels, as well as non paid coaches and coaches of out-sourced programs. The Coach of any team representing a member school in interscholastic athletic competition must have successfully completed the Alaska Coaches Education Program.

B. The Program consists of Five Components

1. Fundamentals of Coaching: NFHS course.

2. Alaska State Component: (ASAA Policy and Procedures) Is included in the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course or can be taken independently.

3. First Aid Requirement: Maintain a current certification in First Aid. The NFHSlearn First Aid Health & Safety course is valid for three years.

4. Concussion Awareness Training: The requirement to maintain current knowledge in concussion management is mandated by Alaska State Law. It is achieved only by successful completion of the current "NFHSlearn Concussion Course". It is valid for three years.

5. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training: It is achieved only by successful completion of the current "NFHSlearn Sudden Cardiac Arrest" course. It is valid for three years.

6. In addition to the above courses, coaches of Unified Sports programs must have successfully completed the NFHSLearn Unified Sports course.

NOTE: For information on specific requirements go to <http://asaa.org/coaches/coaches-education/>

C. School Request for Waiver of Alaska Coaches Education Program: If requested by a school principal or superintendent, the Executive Director may grant to a coach, on a one-time only basis, a waiver of the certification requirement for the remainder of that sport season on a case-by-case basis. The waiver is good only until the completion of the current sport season and will not be granted without the successful completion of the NFHSlearn Concussion in Sport and Sudden Cardiac Arrest courses.

D. Equivalency for the Alaska Coaches Education Program: Coaches who believe they have completed an equivalent certification program for Fundamentals of Coaching or First Aid may submit that program directly to ASAA for review in order to determine whether that alternate program may be substituted. When an alternate program is approved, the coach will still be required to successfully complete the Alaska State Component. Coaches previously certified under the American Sports Education Program do not need to recertify for Fundamentals of Coaching.

E. Administrative Responsibility: The principal or designee at each member school or district shall ensure that the requirements in Section 1, paragraph A, B and C are met for each coach.

Section 2 - Qualification of Advisors and Volunteers

A. A volunteer is an individual that works with a school's athletic team in the same manner as a coach but is never in direct supervision of students and is not compensated.

B. An Advisor is an individual that works in a school's activity program and has direct supervision of students.

C. Volunteers and Advisors must complete the following courses:

1. Concussion Awareness Training: It is achieved only by successful completion of the current NFHSLearn Concussion Course. It is valid for three years.

2. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training: It is achieved only by successful completion of the current NFHSLearn Sudden Cardiac Arrest Course It is valid for three years.

3. In addition to the above courses, coaches of Unified Sports programs must have successfully completed the NFHSLearn Unified Sports course.

Section 3 - Reporting of Coaches

A. The principal or designee of each member school or district shall annually report the names of all head coaches and assistant coaches at all levels, non-paid coaches, coaches of out-sourced programs, advisors and volunteers. The individual and their position must be reported within two weeks of the beginning of their respective season using the School Activities Reporting System (SARS). The principal or designee must ensure that the individual has the certifications required under this article or have a current approved waiver of the Coaches Certification rule.

B. Only coaches/advisors/volunteers meeting these requirements and listed on the SARS will be eligible for a Coach's Pass at any ASAA State Championship event.

Section 4 - Penalty

The following penalties assume that a school is in good standing and has not been warned or is not under other penalty at the given time. A school under warning or other penalty status may be assessed additional penalties than those listed below, up to and including suspension from the Association.

1. Non-Compliance with Section 1 and 2: School receives a warning and a fine of \$105 per coach/advisor/volunteer.

2. Failure to report coaches/advisors/volunteers as specified in Section 3: School receives a warning and a fine of \$105 per activity.