

2020- 2021 Coaches Education Requirements

		Annual or Recurring Requirements Prior to			One-Time Requirement Prior to	
		Head Coach	Paid Coach	Volunteer	Head Coach	Paid or Volunteer Coach
1	NFHS “Fundamentals of Coaching” course*				first date of competition	first date of competition
2	NFHS “Coaching Pole Vault” course				first date of competition (Head coach or pole vault coach)	
3	NFHS “AACCA Spirit Safety Certification” course	first date of competition				
4	NFHS “Concussion in Sports”	first date of practice	first date of practice	first date of practice		
5	Attend annual rules interpretation session ** either during NCCA clinic in July or at sport-specific state clinic **	first date of competition				
6	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			
7	NFHS “Sudden Cardiac Arrest” course			first date of practice		

(Volunteers must complete either 6 or 7)

Shaded means not required



**Failure to complete any of the requirements in rows 1,2,3, or 4 is a \$500 fine. An additional \$500 fine will be assessed if a coach coaches in a game prior to completing any requirements. These fines will be paid with school athletic funds.*

**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 and 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.*

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)