

Q: What is the certification time for CPR?
A: The certification is valid for two years through the American Heart program and 1 year through the American Red Cross program.

Q: Are coaches that are eligible in other states automatically eligible in our state?
A: No, the qualifications would have to be reviewed first to ensure they meet the requirements in our state.

Q: Are certified teachers automatically eligible?
A: They must meet the eligibility requirements listed in the by-law.

Q: What is the best estimate of the cost to a school to implement this program?
A: It could cost \$100.00 per coach depending on the resources available in the community.

Q: Will coaches at any level be grandfathered?
A: No.

Q: If an eligible coach cannot coach in a specific game because of an emergency can a non-eligible coach coach in his/her place?
A: Yes, for one contest only. School must write to the NHIAA for permission in advance.

Q: How will coaches have access to rules review meetings?
A: Coaches may attend meetings sponsored by the various Coaches Associations, meetings scheduled by the various sports officials organizations, or invite officials to the school to sponsor a rules review – (only in certain sports) (recommended yearly, required every three years)

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OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION OF BY-LAW ARTICLE I: POLICY SECTION 35: COACHES ELIGIBILITY

For:
Principals, Athletic Directors,
Coaches, Officials & Parents

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BY-LAW ARTICLE I: POLICY
SECTION 35:
COACHES ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible to coach in a NHIAA member school the person must have:

- A. A current certification in CPR
- B. Successfully completed an NHIAA approved course in First Aid.

- List can be found on the NHIAA Website. Equivalent programs may be approved by the Coaches Education Committee.

C. Completed a Coaching Principles Course approved by the Coaches Education Committee. Approved list is located on the NHIAA website.

*D. Each head coach of a varsity team under NHIAA jurisdiction shall attend a rules review meeting for that sport. If the head coach cannot attend the meeting, the Athletic Director or his/her designee shall attend. (Recommended yearly, required once every three years).

*Spirit coaches required to attend yearly safety clinic which includes a rules review.

NOTE:

- New coaches have one year from date of hire to complete the requirements.
- The above is recommended for volunteer coaches.
- Coaches hired after June 2004 who became eligible through the sport specific clinic/workshop will be required to take the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course or comparable program approved by the Coaches Education Committee.
- It is recommended coaches continue their professional development through additional education clinics and opportunities listed on the NHIAA website.

E. Enrollment of Coaches - All coaches who coach NHIAA contests at all levels must be enrolled with the NHIAA. There is a \$25.00 annual enrollment fee.

The Committee encourages coaches to take the courses in the 2009-10 year.

Questions & Answers

Q: What is the rationale for the by-law?

A: This will increase education and awareness for the coaches and will provide a foundation for those who do not have a lot of training in the area. It will create a safer environment for the students and coaches. The quality of sport education will improve for the students.

Q: What is the penalty if a coach is not eligible yet coaches in a game/match/event/meet, etc.

A: All the games will be forfeited in the same mode as using an ineligible contestant. By-Law Article II, Eligibility Section 21.

Q: Will coaches at all levels be required to go through the training in order to be eligible?

A: Yes at the Sub-Varsity and Varsity levels.

Q: What is the policy regarding volunteer coaches?

A: A volunteer coach is anyone who is consistently under the direct supervision of the varsity or other sub-varsity coach and is never left alone with the student athletes. Volunteers are highly encouraged to go through the training.

Q: What is the time line for the training after a new coach is hired?

A: One year from date of hire.

Q: What will be the role of the NHIAA in this process?

A: The NHIAA will supply updated resource guides, supply information on the website of available clinics, and will have a subcommittee to review curriculums of other courses to determine equivalency.

Q: Who are the contacts to provide CPR?

A: Local health personnel, school nurses, local Fire Department, NH Heart Association, American Red Cross.