

**NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**  
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**Coaching Accreditation Rule**  
**NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules & Regulations**

I. NJSIAA Handbook - Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules & Regulations  
NJSIAA Coaching Certification and Regulations, page 79

A person shall be eligible to coach in any interscholastic contest, provided the person satisfies all of the conditions listed below (For the purposes of this section, “coach” shall mean all persons who coach an interscholastic high school athletic team in any way, whether for pay or as a volunteer at the varsity, junior varsity and/or freshman level – ninth grade through twelfth grade).

In addition to State Department of Education Regulations, the following regulations must be adhered to:

A. The person’s appointment as coach must be approved by the local educational agency responsible for the member school at which the person coaches.

B. Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, all new coaches will have one year after being hired to register for the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching (Blended Version) course. Upon completion of the classroom components, coaches will have sixty (60) days to complete the remaining four (4) components. A certificate of course completion must be submitted to respective athletic supervisors by June 30th to be eligible to coach at an NJSIAA member school for the subsequent school year.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MAY A COACH TAKE THE NFHS FUNDMENTALS OF COACHING COURSE COMPLETELY ON-LINE (the on-line version does NOT contain the specific NJSIAA component).

C. Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, all new coaches will have one year after being hired to successfully complete a course in “Sports First Aid”.

D. Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, all coaches must be CPR certified.

E. Coaches currently in place, and/or who have experience coaching in an NJSIAA high school prior to the 2006-2007 school year, will be exempt from provisions B and C above. (While experienced coaches will not be required to adhere to all of the provisions listed above, it is recommended that all coaches complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching and Sports First Aid Courses in addition to having CPR certification.)

F. Beginning with the 2011-12 School Year, all coaches must be AED certified and must be certified annually CONCUSSION AWARENESS signs and symptoms.

NOTE: The above regulations do not apply to coaches appointed by the school to accompany student athletes to individual events.

S: Coach/Coaching Accreditation Rule Change