

Missouri State High School Activities Association Coaching Education Requirements

Head and assistant coaches in all sports must be certified teachers or administrators and be contracted by the Board of Education for the full school year as a full- or part-time teacher or administrator. A teacher must devote at least one period per day to teaching a school course. In situations in which a member school is unable to fill a coaching position under these terms, it may, with the approval of the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Board of Directors, employ an individual who possesses a valid professional teacher's certificate and is not otherwise employed by the member school. The school board may also hire, as an assistant coach only, an individual who possesses a valid substitute or temporary (provisional) certificate, provided that the school provides evidence that the position is required to maintain existence of the program and/or an adequate safety level, the coach completes an in-service training program, and a copy of the current teaching certificate is on file at the school.

Once approved to serve as a non-faculty assistant coach, a person must satisfactorily complete the MSHSAA-approved NFHS Coaches Education Program (the NFHS/ASEP *Coaching Principles* course and test, the NFHS/ASEP *Sport First Aid* course and test, and the MSHSAA by-laws test) before serving in a subsequent school year. (Note: Non-certified cheerleading coaches/sponsors, pom pon and similar group directors shall meet these same course requirements prior to being approved to serve in any subsequent school year.) All coaches must attend a MSHSAA rules meeting, and baseball, basketball, football, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling coaches must take the Part II National Federation examination for their respective sports.

A school may contract an individual who is not a member of its faculty and who does not possess a valid professional teacher's certificate to serve as head coach provided that the individual possesses a four-year college degree, secured a substitute teacher's certificate, and has completed the NFHS Coaches Education Program prior to the beginning of service.

Beginning with the 2004-05 school year, all first-year head coaches who are certified teachers or administrators must complete a MSHSAA-approved first aid program prior to the beginning of service, while all assistant coaches who are certified teachers or administrators must complete the first aid requirement prior to beginning of the second year of service with any MSHSAA member school.

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