

SUMMARY OF NYS COACHING REGULATIONS

Persons Who May Coach in New York State Secondary Schools And The Requirements For Each

1. Physical Education Teachers

Sports they may coach: Any sport in any school.

Requirements:

- New York State provisional or permanent certificate to teach physical education.
- First Aid current prior to start of season.*

2. Classroom Teachers

Sports they may coach: Those starting coaching prior to September 1, 1974 may coach any sport in any school in which they are currently teaching. Those starting coaching after September 1, 1974 must meet the requirements below.

Requirements: After September 1, 1974.

- New York State permanent or provisional teaching certificate.
- First Aid current prior to start of season.*
- Complete an approved course on Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletes in Education before the start of the third season in the same sport.
- For strenuous/contact sports**, complete approved courses on Health Science Applied to Coaching and Coaching Techniques (specific sport) before the start of the fourth season in the same sport (note: this can be extended to the start of the sixth season with State Education Department approval).
- All courses are to be completed within three years of the initial appointment unless an extension has been approved by the State Education Department.

3. Non-Teacher Certified Persons

Sports they may coach: Any sport in any school for which they qualify.

Requirements:

-No certified teachers are available with appropriate experience and qualifications.

-First Aid current prior to start of season.*

-Current Temporary Coaching License from the Division of Teacher Certification (re-issued each year).

-Complete or be enrolled in an approved course on Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics in Education before the start of the second season in the same sport.

-For strenuous/contact sports**, complete or be enrolled in approved courses on Health Science Applied to Coaching and Coaching Techniques (sport specific) before the start of the third season in the same sport (note: no provisions for extensions).

All coaches must receive training on exposure control. Coaches applying for a new Coaching License must also complete the two hour Child Abuse Identification and Reporting course within his/her first year of coaching.

* First Aid Skills and Knowledge (16 hr SED course) or the Red Cross Responding to Emergencies (24 hr course).

** Strenuous/Contact Activities include: football, soccer, speedball, track and field (indoor & outdoor), cross country, gymnastics, wrestling, basketball, swimming, ice hockey, badminton, fencing, crew, skiing, handball, baseball, softball, lacrosse, field hockey, team handball, volleyball and tennis.

Non-Strenuous/Non-Contact Activities include: bowling, golf, archery, riflery, shuffleboard, and table tennis.