

Coaching Certification

The purpose of the CIF Coaching Education Program is to enhance the experience of student-athletes by assuring that their coaches meet a minimum level of professional training. The program provides strong, pragmatic and comprehensive instruction for coaches of interscholastic athletics in California that is consistent with the highest national standards as set by the legislature, state Department of Education, California Interscholastic Federation and National Federation of State High School Associations.

CIF COACHING EDUCATION FAQs

Who is required to pass the Coaching Education class?

The revised CIF Bylaw 22.B. (9) states: "Definition of a coach, paid or unpaid: Any individual that the school/district is required to approve under California Education Code 33190-33192, 45125.01 and 45125.1." Simply stated, anyone who is required to be fingerprinted and/or is approved by their local school board/directors to have contact with students. This applies to all CIF member schools, public and private.

What Coaching Education Courses are accepted by CIF?

The NFHS "Fundamentals of Coaching" Course, the ASEP "Coaching Principles" and the ASEP "CIF Coaching Orientation" courses meet California's standards for Coaching Education.

How do I get the coaches certified in my school/district?

1. Coaches can go on their own to www.nfhslearn.com and take the "Fundamentals of Coaching" course online for \$52.
2. Any representative from a school/district can also go to www.nfhslearn.com and purchase license #'s in bulk (\$52 each), for their coaches. The coaches then go online and complete the "Fundamentals of Coaching" course to become certified.
3. A Certified Instructor in the ASEP program can still order CIF/ASEP Coaching Principles packets from the CIF State Office (Call Brian Seymour @ 916-239-4477), but all purchases of CIF/NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching materials or online licenses will be made through the NFHS (www.nfhslearn.com)
4. ASEP offers an online version of CIF/ASEP Coaching Principles and offered at www.cifasep.com for \$59. The CIF will also accept the "Coaching Orientation" course offered by ASEP.

We cannot always fill our coaching positions prior to the season. How do we get coaches certified when someone is hired at the last moment?

The CIF bylaw and the Education Code allows for this common situation. A school/district may hire a coach that is not certified, but only for one sports season. The coach must complete the certification before they can coach another season and/or a second sport. The State law (SB39) allows for this one sports season exception in the case of an emergency.

If I completed and *passed* the former CIF/ASEP Coaching Education program, do I have to retake the class?

NO! If you completed the course and passed the test, you are certified for life and will be listed on the "Coaches Registry" database at www.asep.com or www.nfhslearn.com.

Who do I contact for information regarding the CIF Coaching Education Program?

Contact Brian Seymour at bseymour@cifstate.org (916) 239-4477