

**ARTICLE 6:
Coaches Responsibilities and Requirements**

6.1 COACHING CERTIFICATIONS

All CAA coaches, whether paid or volunteer, must complete all certification requirements in order to coach any CAA contest. These certificates must be current and valid.

6.1.1 These certifications need to be completed only once.

6.1.2 The League suggests that a coach should also complete sport-specific courses.

6.1.3 School is responsible for collecting and storing this certification and, if necessary, will need to immediately submit documents to the League if requested.

6.2 NFHS “Fundamentals of Coaching” or Positive Coaching Alliance “Double Goal Coach” - All coaches must complete one of the listed courses.

6.3 CONCUSSION AWARENESS - All Coaches must complete NFHS “Concussion in Sports”

6.4 NFHS First Aid, Health and Safety - Head coaches must complete the NFHS First Aid, Health & Safety course. The CAA recommends that all other coaches, whether paid or volunteer, also complete this course.

6.4.1 School is responsible for collecting and storing this document.

6.5 NFHS Protecting students from abuse - Head coaches must complete this course as part of the certification process. The CAA recommends that all other coaches, whether paid or volunteer, also complete this course.

6.5.1 School is responsible for collecting and storing this document.

6.6 Background Check - Coaches are expected to have a valid background check on file with the member school they are coaching at.

6.6.1 Level 1 Fingerprint card

6.6.2 Crimeshield or trusted employee

6.6.3 If a background check is in process and the season is starting, the school must assign a staff member who is already cleared to be at all practices and games until the card is issued

6.7 SPORTSMANSHIP • Coaches are expected to maintain high standards of sportsmanship and behavior at all CAA events. Please refer to Article 12 regarding Sportsmanship.

6.7.1 Coaches are expected to uphold the current version of the NFHS rules and regulations or Articles within our constitution for a specific sport or activity.

6.7.2 Refer to Article 12 regarding the coach ejection procedures from a CAA contest.

6.8 COACHES MEETING All Coaches (or their representative) must attend the seasonal coaches meeting for any sport(s) he/she coaches.

6.9 Head Coach

6.9.1 The head coach will become “Certified” when all courses are completed and in the possession of the school administration.

6.9.1.1 Must complete one of the two coaching certifications listed above in section 6.2

6.9.1.2 Must complete NFHS “Concussion Awareness” listed above in section 6.3

6.9.1.3 Must complete NFHS “First Aid, Health and Safety” course listed above in section 6.4

6.9.1.4 Must complete NFHS “Protecting students from abuse” course listed above in section

6.9.2 This must be completed before the first practice of the season.

6.10 Assistant Coaches

6.10.1 Must complete one of the two coaching certifications listed above in section 6.2.

6.10.2 Must complete NFHS “Concussion Awareness” listed above in section 6.3

6.11 Schools failing to comply with the guidelines defined in Article 6 will be held accountable per the guidelines established in Article 10