

NHSBA APPENDIX IJOC-R

COACHES EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA)

The Ad Hoc Committee is unanimously making two (2) recommendations. These are based on extensive research and deliberation on existing and planned coach's education resources in the state, as well as, continuing dialog with our member schools.

Recommendation 1 - a by-law regarding coaches education.

1. In order to be eligible to coach in a NHIAA member school in the 1999-2000 school year, the person must have:
 - A. A current certification in CPR.
 - B. Successfully completed a course in First Aid in one of the following programs:
 1. Red Cross First Aid.
 2. Red Cross Sports Safety Training.
 3. ASEP Sports First Aid.
 4. First Responder Workshop.
 5. Equivalent program to be approved by the Coaches Education Committee.
 - C. Completed an ASEP Coaches Education Course or equivalent program to be approved by the Coaches Education Committee.
 - D. Attend a yearly sports specific/NHIAA seasonal rules interpretation meeting.

** New coaches have one year from date of hire to complete A, B, and C.

Plan for implementation: 1998 - 1999

Points in favor of adoption:

1. Ensures that the personnel filling the over 2,100 coaching positions in the state will have a basic level of training and knowledge.
2. Will standardize the efforts already being made by member schools.
3. Send a clear message that coaching competency and growth goes beyond win - loss records.
4. Better trained coaches mean fewer problems for administrators.
5. Improved quality of coaching will provide more positive educational experiences for our student athletes.
6. Will help revitalize the NH Coaches Association.

Disadvantages:

1. The cost of the program would be born by member schools and/or coaches. Cost estimates range widely from \$0 to \$100 per person.
2. There is a perception among several member schools that it would become more difficult to recruit and keep coaches.
3. One more thing for the Athletic Director to do.
4. More work for the NHIAA office staff.

Legal Reference:

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