

**ARTICLE 13**  
**COACHING REQUIREMENT**

**Section 1. Coaches Certification**

In addition to the coaching requirements listed below, starting August 2016 all RIIL coaches must annually complete an RIIL Online Rules Test. (nfhslearn.com)

All NEW Rhode Island Interscholastic League Coaches (Varsity, Junior Varsity, Freshman, Volunteers) hired after January 1, 2012 **MUST** be certified in accordance with the new RIIL Coaching Permit Requirements.

A. Rhode Island Coaches who were hired prior to **January 2, 2012** are exempt from the new RIIL coaching requirements. However, they must complete the NFHS Concussion Course and the RIIL Online Rules test annually.

B. Any Private/Parochial coaches that were listed as a coach on the RIIL website for the 2011-12 school year and have not received their RIDE certificate are exempt from the new RIIL/RIDE coaching requirements. All other Private/Parochial coaches must meet the new RIIL/RIDE requirements.

**C. NEW Athletic Coaching Permit**

**NOTE: Effective January 1, 2017 RIDE will no longer issue athletic coach permits.**

1. **Each member high school (Principal) will be required to mandate that all “NEW” coaches (hired after January 1, 2012) successfully complete the following (initial certification valid for 5 years):**
2.
  - Red Cross First Aid course **and**
  - Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course
3. NFHS Online Courses [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com) :
  - NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course (which includes the RIIL Rules and Regulations Test). Proof of a Coaching Minor from an approved College or University **may** be accepted in place of the NFHS Online Fundamentals of Coaching Course.
  - **Annually complete the NFHS Concussion in Sports Course.**

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D. Requirements for Renewal for Athletic Coaches (within 5 years after initial requirements are met):

- **Completion of the NFHS Accreditation Interscholastic Coach (AIC) Level 1 National Certification: Requirements**



- *First Aid, Health and Safety For Coaches* (Must maintain current First Aid certification at all times)
- *Concussion in Sports* (required annually)
- CPR (Must maintain current CPR certification at all times)
- One NFHS sport-specific course of your choice (preferably in the sport you are coaching)

E. **Conditions for Renewal for Athletic Coaches (every 5 years thereafter):**

- Completion of the following NFHS On-Line Courses:
  - *First Aid, Health and Safety for Coaches* (Must maintain current First Aid certification at all times)
  - *Concussion in Sports* (required annually)
  - CPR (Must maintain current CPR certification at all times)

- Three (3) NFHS On-Line Courses

**F. OR Lifetime Certification (after initial 5 years) NFHS Certified Interscholastic Coach (CIC) Level 2 National Certification: Requirements.**

**Completion of the following NFHS On-Line Courses:**



- *Creating a Safe and Respectful Environment*
- *Strength and Conditioning*
- *Teaching and Modeling Behavior*
- *Engaging Effectively with Parents*
- *Sportsmanship*
- *Fundamentals of Coaching* (Covered by AIC requirements) Updated within the past three years)
- *Concussion in Sports* (required annually)
- One sport-specific course of your choice (Covered by AIC requirements)
- Two additional courses of your choice
- CPR (Must maintain current CPR certification at all times)
- *First Aid, Health and Safety for Coaches* (Must maintain current First Aid certification at all times)

**Section 2. Coaches Eligibility**

- Coaches who have not fulfilled the RIIIL Coaching Certification Requirements are not eligible to coach any RIIIL contest.**
- Each head coach of a varsity team under RIIIL jurisdiction must attend (before the start of the season) a rules interpretation meeting for that sport. If the head coach cannot attend the meeting, the Athletic Director or his/her designee must attend

**Section 3. Penalty**

The penalty for the use of an ineligible coach in any RIIIL approved competition, game (league or non-league) event/championship tournament play will result in a fine of \$100 per ineligible coach. The ineligible coach cannot coach until s/he is certified and fine is paid.

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