

ARTICLE 13

COACHING REQUIREMENT

Section 1. Coaches Eligibility

All Rhode Island Interscholastic League Coaches (Varsity, Junior Varsity, Freshman, Volunteers) MUST be certified.

In order to coach in a RIIL member school, the person must have:

1. Successfully completed a standard first aid course.
2. Hold a valid Rhode Island Coaches Certificate from the RI Department of Education
3. Completed the RIIL Coaches Education Program which includes the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course and the RIIL Rules and Regulations Test.
 - a. Beginning June, 2007 **all** Rhode Island high school coaches **must complete** the RIIL-NFHS sponsored Fundamentals of Coaching Course and the RIIL Rules and Regulations Test. Coaches hired after July 1st **must complete** the course within six (6) months of date of hire.
4. Coaches who do not complete the RIIL Coaches Education Program will not be allowed to coach any RIIL contest.
5. Each head coach of a varsity team under RIIL jurisdiction must attend a rules interpretation meeting for that sport. If the head coach cannot attend the meeting, the Athletic Director of his/her designee must attend.

Section 2. Penalty

The penalty of the use of an ineligible coach in any RIIL approved competition, game (league or non-league) event/championship tournament play will result in a forfeiture of that contest.

