

## **COACHES AND SPONSORS**

### **School's Responsibility**

The entire management of the School District's activity program must be under the control of school authorities, and any team competing in interschool competition must be under the direction of a member of the School District's faculty.

When a team or individuals from the School District compete in interschool competition, the team or individuals must be accompanied by the head coach, or assistant coach as defined by the rules, or a school administrator, or certificated faculty member.

### **Travel**

When traveling to and from and participating in interschool competition, the team or individuals are to be accompanied by the head coach/sponsor, assistant coach/sponsor, or in case of an emergency, a certificated faculty member. The School District will support the travel expenses of no more than the assigned and paid head and assistant coaches/sponsors positions and one additional volunteer sponsor or coaching aide for the activity. Funding of traveling for school sponsored activities includes the use of any fundraising account for that activity.

### **Head Coach, Assistant Coach, or Sponsor**

In order to serve as a head or assistant coach or sponsor of any activity sponsored by the Nebraska School Activities Association, the individual must possess a valid Nebraska Teaching Certificate or Nebraska Administrative and Supervisory Certificate and have a written contract of employment as a coach or sponsor with the school in which he/she is to perform these duties.

Individuals who possess a Provisional Trades Certificate and/or Special Services Certificate endorsed in coaching may be employed by a school district as a head or assistant coach in NSAA sponsored activities.

The head coach/sponsor, assistant coach/sponsor, or certificated faculty member has the following responsibilities:

1. Supervise the individuals or team representing the school in the competition.
2. Serve as the school's spokesperson in all administrative matters, controversial situations, obtaining medical assistance, talking with representatives of the media and any discussion with contest officials or judges.
3. In basketball, the only individual who is permitted to use the coach's box or approach the scorer's table for a correctable error situation.
4. Be seated on the team bench or within the team area during basketball, volleyball, baseball, football, soccer, and softball contests.
5. Accept awards presented to the school and/or coach.

### **Concussion in Sports, Heat Illness Prevention, Sudden Cardiac Arrest Education**

All coaches and volunteers are required to complete the NFHS Concussion in Sports, Heat Illness Prevention, and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training courses annually. These courses should be taken prior to any pre-season or regular season physical workouts that the respective coach would be present for or involved in administering. Any course taken after May 1 would be considered valid for the following school year.

All head coaches are required to attend an NSAA Rules Meeting or complete an NSAA Rules Meeting online annually. Failure to do so will result in possible late fees and suspension penalties and employee discipline up to an including removal of coaching responsibilities.

### **Coaches' Aides**

The School District may contract non-certificated personnel to assist with their activities programs, but such personnel shall be coaches' aides. The coaches aides shall have a job description. The coaches aide shall not initiate nor change instruction given by the head coach/sponsor and must carry out specific directions given by the head coach/sponsor. The coaches aide may assist in starting, executing, and completing the specific plan of the learning experience as defined and directed by the head coach/sponsor. The coaches aide should be specifically prepared for duties assigned, to include the handling of emergency situations that arise in the course of his/her work. Coaches aides are not to be given the sole responsibility of directing or supervising students during practice. The head coach/sponsor shall be in the immediate practice area.

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