

## COACHES EDUCATION

### FOR A CERTIFIED TEACHER IN THE DISTRICT Who Does Not Have a Coaching Endorsement TO BE A HEAD OR ASSISTANT COACH FOR TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

It is now **REQUIRED** that certified teachers employed by a school district and assigned head or assistant coaching duties for interscholastic **team sports AND individual sports** must successfully complete the **Fundamentals of Coaching** and **First Aid for Coaches** courses of the NFHS Coaches Education Program, **IF THEY DO NOT HAVE A SECONDARY P.E. DEGREE OR AN ADE COACHING ENDORSEMENT**. *This is not applicable to the sports of football, basketball and track. All coaches in these sports MUST have a coaching endorsement.*

Sports under the jurisdiction of the Arkansas Activities Association are:

	INDIVIDUAL SPORTS	TEAM SPORTS
Bowling	<i>Indoor Track and Field *</i>	Baseball
Cross Country	<i>Outdoor Track and Field *</i>	Basketball
Decathlon-Heptathlon	Swimming/Diving	Football
Girls Gymnastics	Tennis	Soccer
Golf	Wrestling	Girls Softball
		Girls Volleyball

*\* Must have Coaching Endorsement and be a full time teacher; ADE and AAA regulations.*

**NOTE:** The above requirement applies whether the certified teacher/coach receives a stipend or not.

The AAA Governing Body officially adopted the NFHS Coaches Education program and the original requirement for implementation in August 1995, as recommended by the AAA Board of Directors. In August 2004, the Governing Body adopted the additional requirement stated above for coaches of individual sports, that became effective in the Fall of 2005.

Both the **Fundamentals of Coaching** and **First Aid for Coaches** courses are available online through [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com). A link is provided on the AAA's Coaches Education page to this site.

There is also a required Arkansas State Rules Test. A printable order form for the AAA State Rules Test is also available on the Coaches Education web page. This packet is ordered from the AAA office and the answer sheet must be returned to the AAA office. A passing score of 80% must be obtained on the state rules test.