**PIAA Coaching Education Requirements**

The following continuing education courses are required for coaches engaged at a PIAA Member School. (**Effective July 1, 2016** - All coaches employed or engaged by a PIAA member school as of that date must complete two courses as provided above no later than **June 30, 2018**.  Coaches hired after July 1, 2016 will have two years from their date of hire to complete this requirement.)

**Core Courses**to complete include a Coaching Education course and a First Aid course from either of the two providers below or as noted under the Additional Accepted Coursework section. Once completed, please submit certificates or transcript for approval to the PIAA by creating a coach’s profile.

*Note:*  *No sport specific courses will be accepted.*

**NFHS (access info @**[**www.nfhslearn.com**](http://www.nfhslearn.com/)**)**

* [Fundamentals of Coaching ($50)](http://nfhslearn.com/courses/61001)
* [First Aid, Health and Safety ($45)](http://nfhslearn.com/courses/26)

**ASEP (access info @** [Human Kinetics](http://www.asep.com/asep_content/org/PIAAPSADA.cfm))

* Coaching Principles (fee depends on instructor)
* Sport First Aid (fee depends on instructor)

**Additional Accepted Coursework:**

1. PIAA will be accepting of college level courses for either the coaching and/or first aid requirements.  (Example courses are Principles of Coaching or Fundamentals of Coaching).  A coach must upload a copy of the transcript indicating satisfactory completion of the course(s) to the PIAA Website for credit.
2. PIAA will be accepting of American Red Cross First Aid training for the first aid requirement as long as certification was 2013 or later.  Please upload a copy of card to the website.
3. PIAA will be accepting of SafeSchools Training for Coaching Education as long as your school or school district has purchased SafeSchools Training for all staff.  Listed below are the courses needed to satisfy the Fundamentals of Coaching and First Aid Requirements.

**Fundamentals of Coaching Coursework:**
Athletic Liability, Conflict Management: Managing the Angry Parent, Title IX and Gender Equity in Athletics, Hazing, Steroid and PED Awareness in Athletics, Emergency Operations Planning: Building the Plan, Emergency Operations Planning: Implementing the Plan, Sensitivity Awareness, Conflict Management: Student-to-Student, Diversity Awareness: Staff-to-Student, and Online Safety: Cyberbullying

**First Aid Coursework:**
First-Aid, Sport Supervision & Safety, Heat Illness Prevention, Student Drug and Alcohol Abuse, AED, and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

Once completed, coaches will receive **TWO** certificates (one each for Fundamentals of Coaching and First Aid) for the modules completed through SafeSchools (please contact the Athletic Director upon completion of the courses to prepare these certificates). These certificates can then be uploaded to their Coaches’ profile for approval by the PIAA.

***NOTE: GNA participates in SafeSchools Training for its staff. Coaches are invited to take advantage of this method of training, but any PIAA-approved method is acceptable.***

**PA DEPT. OF EDUCATION COACHING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

A coach must complete a course under each heading, annually after July 1, but prior to holding practice with his or her student-athletes:

**Concussion Training Course (must complete either of the two courses)**

* [NFHS Concussion In Sports -- What You Need to Know](http://nfhslearn.com/courses/38000) at <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/61151/concussion-in-sports>
* [ConcussionWise](http://www.concussionwise.com/) at [www.concussionwise.com](http://www.concussionwise.com)

**Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training Course (must complete either of the two courses)**

* [NFHS Sudden Cardiac Arrest](http://nfhslearn.com/courses/61032/sudden-cardiac-arrest) at <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/61032/sudden-cardiac-arrest>
* [CardiacWise](http://www.sportsafetyinternational.org/cardiacwise-pats/) at <https://sportsafety.com/cardiacwise-pats/>

Once completed, coaches will upload the certificates of completion for each course to the “Optional School Education” section in their Coaches’ profile on the PIAA website.

**Directions for creating a coach profile and uploading course CERTIFICATES to the PIAA website**

To use the coaching credentialing system, go to the website:  **www.piaa.org**

Click “login” (the gold box in top right corner of your screen).

Select the “Coaches” option from the “Account Type” dropdown menu.

If you have not previously used the coaches’ credentialing portal, you will need to create a new user profile by clicking “Register To Be A Coach” (Note: You do not need to fill in the Username and Password box at this time) and following the steps to create a new user (Note: school, official, or other logins used in our system are not useable for the purpose of coaching education).

Once you have created a profile, the Coaching Education System becomes available.

* In the first section, “PIAA Education Requirements”, upload certificates of completion or a transcript to support completion of the required coaching and first aid required courses.  Note, if submitting a course other than an NFHS or ASEP approved course, type in the name of the course you are submitting.
* In the second section, select each school which you are affiliated.  Multiple schools may be selected if affiliated with more than one school.  Simply begin typing the school name, and the system will match all available schools.

NOTE: One submission must be made for each course requirement.  A single transcript cannot be uploaded once to satisfy the requirement for coaching and first aid.  They must be uploaded separately.

*Please do not submit concussion or cardiac coursework in this section.  That information may be uploaded under section 3 “Optional School Education”, but should not be uploaded under sections 1 or 2.*

* In the third section “Optional School Education”, upload certificates of completion of the required concussion and sudden cardiac arrest courses.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jennifer Grassel, PIAA Assistant Executive Director in the PIAA Office at (717) 697-0374, or (800) 382-1392.

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