

New York State Coaching Certification Requirements
Athletic Director “Cheat Sheet”
(New Pathway)

1. **Fingerprinting**
2. **DASA 6-Hour course** (non-certified teacher-coaches)
3. **Child Abuse Recognition course** & **School Violence Prevention (SAVE)** Course. ([link to approved online courses](#))
4. **NYSED-Approved First Aid/CPR Courses** (listed in [NYSED PE Toolkit: Athletics & Coaching](#))
5. **Temporary Certification (years 1-3):**
NFHS Accredited Interscholastic Coach (AIC) certification

COURSES:

- [Fundamentals of Coaching](#) (\$35)
 - [First Aid, Health & Safety for Coaches](#) (\$45)
 - [Sports-Specific Course](#) (cost varies by sport)
 - If a particular sport-specific course is not offered the coach must take the [Teaching Sports Skills](#) course (\$50)
 - 2nd or 3rd sport certifications: take that sport-specific course and have athletic director complete verification form referenced below.
 - [Concussion in Sports](#) (Free) *Renewed every two years*
6. **Professional Certification (by 5th year)**
NFHS Certified Interscholastic Coach (CIC) certification

COURSES:

- Completion of Accredited Interscholastic Coach (AIC) requirement plus...
 - [Teaching and Modeling Behavior](#) (\$20)
 - [Engaging Effectively with Parents](#) (Free)
 - [Sportsmanship](#) (Free)
 - [Creating a Safe and Respectful Environment](#) (Free)
 - [Strength & Conditioning](#) (\$50)
 - [Sports Nutrition](#) (Free)
 - [Heat Illness Prevention](#) (Free)
7. **Athletic Director Verification:** Prior to the coach applying for permanent certification, the supervising Athletic Director must complete the Internship Evaluation Information Form & Coaching Experience Verification Form. Completed forms must accompany coach permanent certificate application. Forms are found on the NYSED website in the [PE Toolkit: Athletics & Coaching](#).

Reference: NYSED NFHS Pathway Guidelines