

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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Ohio Department of Education and OHSAA Coach Certification

Notes & Facts:

- All PAID and VOLUNTEER Coaches are required to obtain a Pupil Activity Permit through the Ohio Department of Education to work with, supervise or coach student-athletes in Ohio.
- ALL Paid and Volunteer Coaches are bound by all regulations of the OHSAA.

Process:

1. Complete the National Federation of State High School Association's (NFHS) Fundamentals of Coaching class. The most efficient method of completing this is online at www.nfhslearn.com.
 - Make certain to take "Fundamentals of Coaching" – **NOT** "Fundamentals of Coaching Soccer" or "Basketball" ... etc. **\$65 - One time requirement 4-5 hrs of work to complete**
2. Complete an approved CPR training course. You must have a current, valid certificate/card.
Updated every 3 years - Coach Reid teaches the CPR course.
3. Complete one of the following first aid or sports injury prevention trainings:
 - Ohio Department of Education Approved Pupil Activity Program. Locate approved programs here: <https://core.ode.state.oh.us/CORE3/ODE.CORE.PPA.Public.UI/>
 - Medical License: (M.D., D.O, D.C., R.N., EMT, A.T.C.)
 - Nationally approved programs: Approved Red Cross "Sport Safety Training," or American Sport Education Program, or National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS First Aid for Coaches). You can access the NFHS program through www.nfhslearn.com. **\$45 - recommended course good for duration of PACP**
 - College or university coursework completed within the past three years related to first aid training or athletic training.
4. Complete one of the two approved courses on concussion training through the Ohio Department of Health website:
 - The NFHS "Concussion in Sports – What You Need to Know." This is available through the NFHS website at www.nfhslearn.com. **Renewed every 3 years** **FREE - recommended course**
 - National Centers for Disease Control & Prevention program "Heads Up – Concussion in Youth Sports Online Training Program"

Note: Both courses are free of charge, and may be completed online in about an hour. Print out your certificate of completion and send a copy with the pupil activity permit application.
5. Complete a BCI and FBI background check and have it filed at the Ohio Department of Education. Most school districts offer this service. **\$50 - See Lisa Robinson at the Central Office**
6. Complete the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training - Each year, coaches must review the [Ohio Department of Health's](#) new video and related fact sheet. Although districts may choose how they will verify completion, the Department encourages use of its [Learning Management System \(LMS\)](#). Access LMS through individual [SAFE accounts](#). On the LMS homepage at top right, select the Course Catalog. Then search for sudden cardiac arrest to find the course. After permit holders view the materials and pass a short test, they can earn their certificates of completion.
Coach Bihl has this form - return to the WCH Athletic Department updated annually
6. Complete information that includes information on submitting the application can be found at: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Licensure/Audiences/Coaching-Permits> **PACP renewed every 3 years**

The WCH Athletic Dept highly recommends any <https://nfhslearn.com/courses> courses for coaches. There are a number of incredible resources to help bring out the best in you as a coach and your student athletes.

If you have questions about any of these credentials, please feel free to contact Coach Bihl @740-636-4221 ext. 4127.