

# UPPER PERKIOMEN ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



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## ***PIAA District 1 – Pioneer Athletic Conference – Home of the Indians***

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Beginning July 1, 2016, Pennsylvania law mandates all coaches complete a basic Coaching Education Class (Principles of Coaching) and a Sport First Aid/CPR course. These classes can be taken online.

Current legislation allows two years for completion of these courses, beginning on July 1, 2016. For coaches currently on staff, completion of these courses is NOT required for you to begin coaching your season during the 2017-2018 school year, but must be completed prior to June 30, 2018.

### **Online Training**

To take the courses online, the two providers are the American Sport Education Program (ASEP) or the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS). You can take your required courses from either provider, but the cost varies between the two as noted:

#### **NFHS ([www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com))**

NFHS Sport Principles - \$50

Sport First Aid - \$45

#### **ASEP ([www.asep.com](http://www.asep.com))**

Coaching Education Online Package Updated Edition-K - \$90



**PSADA Coaching Education Online Package-  
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To change your location, please select the HK region where you live: Australia, Canada, Europe, New Zealand, U.K., U.S., Outside these region(s), select other.

You may begin completing the online version of these courses now through the NFHS or AESP (Cost is listed above and payment will be required upfront.) These courses can be started and stopped as your schedule permits, but you only have 6 months to complete them and pass the required test once you start a course.

Every coach working (volunteer or paid) for a Pennsylvania school district must register with the PIAA and set up an individual account. This account will be utilized for providing the PIAA with documentation that you completed the required coursework. See the accompanying handout on how to create your PIAA account on their website. Once you upload copies of your certificates to the PIAA website, please make a copy of each certificate and send them into the athletic office for your personnel file.

*Please note, the payment for these courses will be the responsibility of each individual coach.*

If you have taken college coaching courses, they may be accepted as meeting the conditions of the Pennsylvania Coaching Education requirements. When you register with the PIAA, you will need to upload copies of your college transcripts. The PIAA will then let you know whether or not these courses are accepted.

This certification is a life-long certification and will not need to be renewed like the Concussion and Sudden Cardiac Arrest certification, which are mandated each year by Pennsylvania Law. Pennsylvania was one of only two states not to require coaching education and/or CPR, so the state was fairly far behind the times. Although this will be time-consuming for you, it will result in a better experience for the student-athletes.

Again, let me know if you have any questions or need help as we move through this process.