

TEMPORARY ATHLETIC TEAM COACHES

Qualifications

The Superintendent or designee shall establish minimum qualification criteria for temporary athletic team coaches. These criteria shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, competencies in the following areas: (5 CCR [5593](#))

1. Care and prevention of athletic injuries, basic sports injury first aid, and emergency procedures, as evidenced by one or more of the following:
 - a. Completion of a college-level course in the care and prevention of athletic injuries and possession of a valid cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) card
 - b. A valid sports injury certificate or first aid card, and a valid CPR card
 - c. A valid Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) I or II card
 - d. A valid trainer's certification issued by the National or California Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA/CATA)
 - e. Possession of both valid CPR and first aid cards and practical experience under the supervision of an athletic coach or trainer or experience assisting in team athletic training and conditioning
2. Coaching theory and techniques in the sport or game being coached, as evidenced by one or more of the following:
 - a. Completion of a college course in coaching theory and techniques
 - b. Completion of in-service programs arranged by a school District or county office of education
 - c. Prior service as a student coach or assistant athletic coach in the sport or game being coached
 - d. Prior coaching in community youth athletic programs in the sport being coached
 - e. Prior participation in organized competitive athletics at high school level or above in the sport being coached
3. Knowledge of the rules and regulations pertaining to the sport or game being coached, the league rules, and, at the high school level, regulations of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF)
4. Knowledge of child or adolescent psychology, as appropriate, as it relates to sport participation, as evidenced by one or more of the following:
 - a. Completion of a college-level course in child psychology for elementary school positions and adolescent or sports psychology for secondary school positions
 - b. Completion of a seminar or workshop on human growth and development of youth
 - c. Prior active involvement with youth in school or community sports program

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The Superintendent or designee may waive competency requirements for persons enrolled in appropriate training courses leading to acquisition of the competency, provided such persons serve under the direct supervision of a fully qualified coach until the competencies are met. (5 CCR [5593](#))

Following the selection of a temporary athletic team coach, the Superintendent or designee shall certify to the Board of Trustees, at the next regular Board meeting or within 30 days, whichever is sooner, that the coach meets the qualifications and competencies required by 5 CCR [5593](#). By April 1 of each year, the Board shall certify to the State Board of Education that the provisions of 5 CCR [5593](#) have been met. (5 CCR [5594](#))

Volunteers who supervise or direct an athletic program shall meet the qualification criteria specified in 5 CCR [5593](#) required for temporary athletic team coaches employed by the District. Any volunteer who does not meet such criteria shall serve only under the supervision of a fully qualified coach and shall not be given charge of an athletic program.

(cf. [1240](#) - Volunteer Assistance)

Additional Qualifications of Non-certificated Personnel and Volunteers

In addition to the qualifications listed above, any non-certificated person employed as a temporary athletic team coach shall: (5 CCR [5592](#))

1. Be free from tuberculosis and any other contagious disease that would prohibit certificated teachers from teaching, as verified by a written statement, renewable every four years, from a licensed physician or other person approved by the District

(cf. [4112.4/4212.4/4312.4](#) - Health Examinations)

2. Not have been convicted of any offense referred to in Education Code [44010](#), [44011](#), or [44424](#), or any offense involving moral turpitude or evidencing unfitness to associate with children

Beginning July 1, 2010, any non-certificated employee or volunteer who supervises, directs, or coaches an interscholastic athletic team shall be required to obtain an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing or a criminal background check in accordance with Board policy. (Education Code [49024](#))

(cf. [1240](#) - Volunteer Assistance)

Salinas Union High School District

All Personnel

Regulation #4027

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High School Coaching Education Program

Each high school athletic team coach or volunteer coach shall complete, at his/her expense, a coaching education program that meets the standards developed by the CIF. A high school coach who has completed the education program in another California school District shall be deemed to have met the requirement for this District. (Education Code [49032](#))

An individual who has not completed the education program may be assigned as a coach for no longer than one season of interscholastic competition. (Education Code [49032](#))

Code of Ethical Conduct

Employees providing supervisory or instructional services in interscholastic athletic programs and activities shall: (5 CCR [5596](#))

1. Show respect for players, officials, and other coaches
2. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials
3. Establish and model fair play, sportsmanship, and proper conduct
4. Establish player safety and welfare as the highest priority
5. Provide proper supervision of students at all times
6. Use discretion when providing constructive criticism and when reprimanding players
7. Maintain consistency in requiring all players to adhere to the established rules and standards of the game
8. Properly instruct players in the safe use of equipment
9. Avoid exerting undue influence on a student's decision to enroll in an athletic program at any public or private postsecondary educational institution
10. Avoid exerting undue influence on students to take lighter academic course(s) in order to be eligible to participate in athletics
11. Avoid suggesting, providing, or encouraging any athlete to use non-prescriptive drugs, anabolic steroids, or any substance to increase physical development or performance that is not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Surgeon General, or the American Medical Association

(cf. [5131.63](#) - Steroids)

12. Avoid recruitment of athletes from other schools
13. Follow the rules of behavior and the procedures for crowd control as established by the District and the league in which the District participates

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