
GLASSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

Requestor: Mr. Lynch

Building: GHS

Date: December 17, 2024

Action to be Approved: NJSIAA Coaching Changes-Volunteer vs. Volunteer Paraprofessional

Fund Source: n/a

Amount:

Requisition #:

Request Board Approval to adopt the attached NJSIAA Volunteer Coach vs. Volunteer paraprofessional.

The NJSIAA has changed their language for volunteer coaching, differentiating between the requirements for a volunteer coach and a volunteer paraprofessional. Here is their description of each:

NJSIAA Volunteer Coach

A person shall be eligible to coach in any interscholastic contest, provided the person satisfies all the conditions listed below. A coach shall mean all persons who coach an interscholastic high school athletic team in any way, whether for pay or as a volunteer at the varsity, junior varsity, or freshman level (9th grade through 12th grade). The person's appointment as coach must be approved by the local educational agency responsible for the member school at which the person coaches. In addition to the New Jersey Department of Education requirements, the following NJSIAA requirements must be completed:

- 1. CPR/AED/Basic First Aid Certification-** redone every two years
- 2. NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course-** Coaches who have experience coaching in an NJSIAA high school before the 2006-2007 school year will be exempt from this requirement. This course is a one-time requirement.
- 3. NFHS Concussion Course-** renewed annually.
- 4. NFHS Heat Illness Prevention-** renewed annually.
- 5. NFHS Implicit Bias Course-** a one-time requirement.
- 6. BeNice Program-** a one-time requirement.
- 7. DOE Certification Requirements (Public Schools Only)-** Public school coaches (including volunteer coaches) must have either a NJ Teaching certification or a NJ Instructional Substitute Credential and completed all NJSIAA requirements listed above.
- 8. For Swimming & Diving Coaches only**

- *A valid CPR for professional rescuer certificate issued by the ARC or the YMCA.*
- *A valid Lifeguard Certificate issued by the ARC or the YMCA.*
- *A valid Water Safety Instructor (WSI) Certificate issued by fastswimprogram, the ARC, or the YMCA.*

Volunteer Paraprofessional Aid/Coach

- **Exempt** from all certifications
- **Exempt** from all coaching requirements
- **Must be under the direct supervision of a certified coach**
- **Must not have any direct supervision responsibilities**