

Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Coaching Eligibility Program

This three component program has been operating since 1976 to meet state requirements for coaching assignments held by individuals who are either uncertified in areas other than physical education. These components run consecutively throughout the school year. Each component meets on Monday evening at the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES, Administration Building located at 3599 Big Ridge Road in Spencerport, Conference Room #7.

Each of the three components has the approval of the New York State Education Department and is coordinated by James DeBell, Retired Athletic Director for Rochester's Jefferson High School and former President of Section Five of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

On some occasions, certain components can be waived if the individual has completed similar programs or courses (especially at the college level). Transcripts would need to be provided to James DeBell for evaluation of the course.

Component #1 – Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics in Education

This section is designed to introduce the coach or potential coach to the overall organization of athletics at the local, state and national levels. Emphasis will be placed on the role of inter-scholastic athletics in the total physical and general education contexts. Particular attention will be directed to the role of the coach as a professional person having the potential to profoundly affect the physical, social and emotional development of young athletes. (15 sessions)

Component #2 – Health Sciences Applied to Coaching

This section is designed to make coaches or potential coaches aware of the various principles of biology and the related health sciences to enhance the coaching process. The Health Sciences component includes (at an additional cost for those who need it) First Aid and CPR training classes. This is acceptable to the State of New York as a substitute for American Red Cross first aid training. As of January 1991, New York State required persons applying for a coaching certificate to have a 2-hour course in the Recognition and Reporting of Child Abuse. This 2-hour course is taught during the Health Sciences component. There will be an additional \$10 fee per person the evening of the Child Abuse Workshop to cover this class. (15 sessions)

Component #3 – Theory and Techniques of Coaching

This section is designed to provide coaches with an intensive experience related to the coaching of a particular sport. Its primary emphasis is an in-depth examination of all aspects of some sport rules, regulations and equipment, coaching methods, team strategies and related information.

Within the "Theory" component, arrangements are made to have knowledgeable coaches serve as resources to the class for each sport required of the class members. An individual must attend sessions pertaining to their area of interest and also successfully complete an internship for each sport the individual wishes to be certified in. (10 sessions)

As each component is completed, individuals will receive an Eligibility report regarding their progress. Upon successful completion of all three components, individuals will receive an Eligibility Report listing the sport(s) they may coach and a Certificate of Completion. **These certificates must be presented to the school districts when applying for coaching positions.**

1. **Certified Physical Education Teacher:** If an individual holds a valid Physical Education Certificate and current First Aid and CPR cards. No Temporary Coaching License is needed.
2. **Certified Teacher in another area:** If an individual holds a valid **teaching** certificate in an area other than Physical Education (this **does not** include individuals certified under Pupil Personnel Services), the individual may coach for a district. No Temporary Coaching License is needed. **First year coaches:** the individual must hold a current First Aid and CPR card. **Second year coaches:** must provide verification of enrollment in or completion of Component #1 – “Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics in Education.” The Child Abuse Workshop is also required at this time. The two remaining components, “Health Sciences Applied to Coaching” and “Theory and Techniques of Coaching” must be completed within two years of beginning the program.
3. **Uncertified:** For individuals that are not teacher certified (non-teacher and/or certified in a non-teaching area, e.g. Pupil Personnel Services), the State allows them to begin coaching in a district under Temporary Coaching License. **First year coaches:** the individual must hold a current First Aid and CPR card. **Second year coaches:** must provide verification of enrollment in or completion of Component #1 – “Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics in Education.” The Child Abuse Workshop is also required at this time. The two remaining components, “Health Sciences Applied to Coaching” and “Theory and Techniques of Coaching” must be completed within two years of beginning the program.

Non-Strenuous Sports: Individuals interested in coaching non-strenuous sports (e.g. archery, bowling, golf, shuffleboard, riflery or table tennis) needs to complete only Component #1, “Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics in Education,” the Child Abuse Workshop, and possess current CPR and First Aid cards in order to qualify for a Temporary or Professional Coaching License/Certificate.

COACHING LICENSE/PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE:

1. **Temporary Coaching License** must be issued **every year** for non-teachers. The district that is employing the individual submits the Temporary Coaching License application to the local BOCES Regional Certification Office. An individual may be temporarily licensed to coach in any of the sports listed on their coaching license. The license can also be extended to another area during the school year, (at no cost) if necessary, providing it is an area listed on the individual's certificate and the individual is coaching in the same school district. An individual may also coach in additional districts, but a Temporary Coaching License along with a \$50 money order must be applied for by each employing school district.
2. **Professional Coaching Certificate** must be issued every **three years** for non-teachers.

The individual must have the following requirements met:

- a. Current First Aid and CPR cards
- b. All three components of the Coaching Program (Philosophy, Health Sciences and Theory And Techniques) including intercepts completed.
- c. A minimum of three years coaching experience in a specific sport in a NYS interschool athletic program.
- d. An evaluation of the non-teacher individual by either the Principal or Athletic Director For three consecutive years for each sport in which the individual is employed.

The district that is employing the individual submits the Professional Coaching Certificate application to the local BOCES Regional Certification Office. An individual may be temporarily certified to coach in numerous sports and will be issued a separate certificate for each sport. Each sport/certificate requested will require a \$50 money order along with three consecutive evaluations for that sport. This certificate can be renewed every three years. An individual may also coach in additional districts under the same Professional Coaching Certificate in the sport listed on the certificate. A Professional Coaching Certificate application along with a \$50 money order for each sport and supporting documentation of all completed requirements must be applied for each additional sport.

All applications for Temporary Coaching Licenses and Professional Coaching Certificates need to be endorsed by the employing school district's Superintendent.

All money orders are to be made out to the NYS Education Department. Applications must also include all supporting documentation of course work upon submission.