



MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

Coaches Education Requirements

The MSHSL offers two programs to educate Minnesota coaches. The **Minnesota Head Coaches Course (MNHCC)** provides certification for coaches who do not meet the statute requirements of MS122A.33 (Head Coaching Licensure), and the **Annual Online Rules Module and Continuing Education Requirement (CER)** MSHSL athletic coaches and MSHSL fine arts coaches and advisors/directors in speech, debate and one act play. Below is a brief overview of these two requirements.

Minnesota Head Coaches Course (MNHCC)

Those individuals, who wish to serve as a head coach in a Minnesota public high school and do not meet the requirements of [MS122A.33](#), must complete the **MNHCC** to meet the MN Statute requirements. Coaches will receive education in a blended approach which requires attendance at a seven-hour course and several on-line requirements. Upon completion of the seven-hour course, coaches will complete CER Requirements, the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course and the USCAH Health, Wellness and Safety course. Those who successfully complete both the seven-hour course and the online components (an equivalent of 60 clock hours) will meet the requirements of MN Statute 122A.33 and be eligible to be a head coach in MN.

Continuing Education Requirement (CER)/Annual Online Rules Modules

All Activities Directors, MSHSL athletic coaches and MSHSL fine arts coaches and advisors/directors in speech, debate and one act play are required to complete the online **Continuing Education Requirement (CER) modules**. The **Continuing Education Requirement (CER) modules** must be completed every third year. In addition, Coaches and Advisors must complete the annual General and Activity-Specific Online Rules Modules for their sport or activity.

Both programs are delivered through your MSHSL Coaches Dashboard. To create your personalized Dashboard go to www.mshsl.org, and click the gold “LOG IN” button on the top left and then “Create a new account” found on the bottom of the next page.

Summary of Education Requirements for Minnesota Coaches

	<u>Minnesota Head Coaches Course (MNHCC)</u>	<u>Continuing Education Requirement (CER)</u>
Required of:	Head coaches who do not meet the State Statute for licensure	MSHSL athletic coaches and MSHSL fine arts coaches and advisors/directors in speech, debate and one act play
Delivery	In-person and Online Components	Online-MSHSL Coaches Dashboard
Time	60 clock hours equivalency	3 clock hours
Cost	\$200	Free
Curriculum	MSHSL/NFHS/USCAH	MSHSL
In-person Requirements	Attend 7-hour class <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WHY WE PLAY• Coach as a Manager	No in-person Requirement
On-line Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching (NFHSLearn.com)• USCAH Minnesota Coaches Health, Wellness, and Safety Certification Program www.athletichealthspace.com• CER Requirements (every 3rd year) – includes the state-mandated concussion training module• General and Activity-Specific Rules Modules	MSHSL Coaches Dashboard <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CER Requirements (every 3rd year) – includes the state-mandated concussion training module• General Coaches Rules Module (Annually)• Activity-Specific Rules Module (Annually)

Coaches Education Requirements, cont'd

Minnesota Education Requirements		Requirement	Renews
Athletic/Activity Administrators	Continuing Education Requirement	Once every three years (2023-2026)	Renews July 1, 2026
	MN Head Coaches Course – AD Version	Once in the next three years	Once
Head Coaches	<i>Must hold a MN Teaching & Coaching License OR meet on of the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courses on College Transcript: One Coaching Theory/Methods course AND 6-quarter credits (4-semester credits) in First Aid and the Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries Completed ASEP Program prior to 2010 MN Head Coaches Course: Classroom course + Online Components (60 Clock Hours equivalency) 	Once	Once
All MSHSL Coaches	Continuing Education Requirement	Every third year (2023-2026) – prior to beginning of coaching assignment	Renews July 1, 2026
	General Coaches Online Rules Module	Once every year	Annually
	Activity-Specific Online Rules Module	Once for each sport you coach	Annually
Cheer Coaches	Cheer and Dance Safety Certification Course – www.NFHSLearn.com	Once every four years	
	Continuing Education Requirement	Every third year (2023-2026) – prior to beginning of coaching assignment	Renews July 1, 2026
	Sport Specific Online Rules Module	Once every year	Annually
Fine Arts Activity Advisors	Continuing Education Requirement	Every third year (2023-2026) – prior to beginning of coaching assignment	Renews July 1, 2026
	Activity Specific Online Rules Module, Where Applicable	Once every year	Annually

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