

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 **Continuing Education Requirement (CER)** for all coaches serving at the B-Squad, JV and Varsity levels. 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 online 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, Coaches (at the B-Squad, JV and Varsity level) and Fine Arts Advisors (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 once every three years (2023-2026).

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

	Minnesota Head Coaches Course (MNHCC)	Continuing Education Requirement (CER)	
Required of:	Head coaches who do not meet the State Statute for licensure	ALL coaches (at the B-Squad, JV and Varsity level)	
Delivery Time	In-person and Online Components 60 clock hours equivalency	Online-MSHSL Coaches Dashboard 3 clock hours	
Cost	\$200	Free	
In-person Requirements	MSHSL/NFHS/USCAH Attend 7-hour class WHY WE PLAY Coach as a Manager	MSHSL No in-person Requirement	
On-line Requirements	MSHSL Dashboard NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching - blended course USCAH Minnesota Coaches Health, Wellness, and Safety Certification Program CER Requirements General and Sport Specific Rules Modules	MSHSL Coaches Dashboard CER Requirements (Every 3 years) –includes the state-mandated concussion training module General Coaches Rules Module (Annually) Activity-Specific Rules Module (Annually)	

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Minnesota Education Requirements		Requirement	Renews
Athletic/Activity	Continuing Education Requirement	Once every three years (2023-2026)	Renews July 1, 2026
Administrators	MN Head Coaches Course – AD Version	Once in the next three years	Once
Head Coaches	 Must hold a MN Teaching & Coaching License OR meet on of the following: 6 College Credits in Care and Prevention and 1 College Credit in Theory of Coaching Completed ASEP Program prior to 2009 MN Head Coaches Course: Classroom course + Online Components (60 Clock Hours equivalency) 	Once	Once
All Coaches	Continuing Education Requirement	Once every three years (2023-2026)	Renews July 1, 2026
	General Coaches Online Rules Module	Once every year	Annually
	Sport 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	Once every three years (2023-2026)	Renews July 1, 2026
	Sport Specific Online Rules Module	Once every year	Annually
Activity Advisors	Continuing Education Requirement	Once every three years (2023-2026)	Renews July 1, 2026
	Activity Specific Online Rules Module, Where Applicable	Once every year	Annually