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NFHS Coach Education Tops One Million Courses

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (September 24, 2012) — Earlier this month, the NFHS Coach Education Program reached a significant milestone when it surpassed one million course deliveries through www.nfhslearn.com. Since its launch in January 2007, the NFHS Coach Education Program has grown to offer 30 online courses aimed at educating coaches on a variety of topics, including sport-specific courses.

The free course – "Concussion in Sports: What You Need to Know" – accounts for more than half of the one million, with 570,000 course deliveries. The site offers several other free courses, including ones on the role of parents in sports, heat acclimatization and sportsmanship.

The NFHS recently announced that its course "NCAA Eligibility Center Coaching Education" is now being offered free of charge, and includes the latest updates to the registration and certification process required by the NCAA. The course also provides the new initial-eligibility standards effective for the 2016 recruiting class.

"The free courses have been a great way to educate the masses and attract more people to the Web site," said Dan Schuster, NFHS assistant director of coach education. "Hopefully, our free courses continue to be the driving force for coaches, parents, students, officials and administrators to take our other courses, which also are very valuable."

Individuals in Massachusetts have taken the most free courses, with nearly 100,000 courses delivered. New Jersey, Florida, Pennsylvania and Virginia round out the top five for free courses.

"It's just the beginning," Schuster said. "Looking back to 2007, to hear that we would deliver one million courses on this system, we would have been [ecstatic]. However, looking forward, we're really just starting to scratch the surface as far as how many coaches we can reach in the big picture. Hopefully, this is just the first of many millions that we do."

The NFHS Coach Education Program offers 30 online courses, including the two core courses – Fundamentals of Coaching and First Aid Health and Safety for Coaches. The NFHS also offers 13 sport-specific courses and seven elective courses.

All NFHS Coach Education Program courses are available at www.nfhslearn.com.

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About the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)

The NFHS, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the national leadership organization for high school sports and performing arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and performing arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. The NFHS sets direction for the future by building awareness and support, improving the participation experience, establishing consistent standards and rules for competition, and helping those who oversee high school sports and activities. The NFHS writes playing rules for 17 sports for boys and girls at the high school level. Through its 50 member state associations and the District of Columbia, the NFHS reaches more than 19,000 high schools and 11 million participants in high school activity programs, including more than 7.6 million in high school sports. As the recognized national authority on interscholastic activity programs, the NFHS conducts national meetings; sanctions interstate events; offers online publications and services for high school coaches and officials; sponsors professional organizations for high school coaches, officials, speech and debate coaches, and music adjudicators; serves as the national source for interscholastic coach training; and serves as a national information resource of interscholastic athletics and activities. For more information, visit the NFHS Web site at www.nfhs.org.

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