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NFHS Launches Second Level of National Coach Certification Program

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (October 30, 2014) – The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) has launched the Certified Interscholastic Coach (CIC) program—the second phase of its national certification program for interscholastic coaches. As a follow-up to the first level of certification – Accredited Interscholastic Coach (AIC) – the CIC is an additional professional credential for coaches or individuals who aspire to coach at the high school level.

Individuals must obtain AIC certification to be eligible for the CIC program. Since the first level of certification was introduced in 2009, more than 13,000 individuals have obtained AIC certification.

AIC certification requires the completion of four courses, which are designed to enable a coach to better serve students, the school, the community and the profession of coaching. The AIC required courses are Fundamentals of Coaching; First Aid, Health and Safety for Coaches; Concussion in Sports; and one sport-specific course.

In addition to the four AIC courses, the CIC program requires the completion of seven additional courses: Creating a Safe and Respectful Environment, Engaging Effectively with Parents, Sportsmanship, Strength and Conditioning, Teaching and Modeling Behavior, and two courses of choice.

“Certified Interscholastic Coaches separate themselves as individuals who value professional development and want to improve to create a better experience for participating students,” said Dan Schuster, NFHS Director of Coach Education. “We are pleased to offer the second level of the NFHS National Coach Certification Program. Providing quality ongoing professional development for coaches is the core mission of the NFHS Coach Education Program.”

The NFHS National Coach Certification Program is available for completion online at www.nfhslern.com. Currently, 35 courses are offered in the NFHS Coach Education Program.

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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 16 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 7.7 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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