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New Courses for Music Directors, Volleyball Officials Available Through NFHS Learning Center

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (October 12, 2016) — New online courses for music teachers/directors and volleyball officials have been added to the available courses through the NFHS Learning Center at www.NFHSLearn.com.

“Introduction to Interscholastic Music” is the first online course for music teachers and directors and joins “Introduction to Music Adjudication” as music courses available through the NFHS Learning Center. “Officiating Volleyball: Ball Handling” is first of several sport-specific officiating courses that will be offered in various sports.

“Introduction to Interscholastic Music,” which is offered free of charge through the NFHS Learning Center, is designed to provide an overview of best practices in the music classroom and interscholastic music competitions. Although the course is useful for all music teachers, it is designed to meet the needs of individuals who are just beginning their careers as music teachers.

The “Introduction to Interscholastic Music” course will help new teachers in identifying their roles and responsibilities, identifying proficiency and promoting growth within music ensembles and improving the music classroom experience by establishing goals.

The skills taught in the course introduce and reinforce time-tested guidelines and techniques that music educators of any level of proficiency can use in directing music programs across the United States.

“Officiating Volleyball: Ball Handling,” which is available for \$10 for NFHS Officials Association members and \$20 for non-members, provides tips and techniques that officials need to make correct ball-handling calls in volleyball. Video examples of various contacts by each position are provided to assist officials in visually identifying ball-handling faults and legal player action.

Units covered include Introduction to Ball Handling, Rules Governing Ball Handling, Techniques to Train the Eye, Variables and External Stimuli, and Overview of Each Skill. Short comprehension quizzes and “you make the call” scenarios are scattered throughout the course.

The addition of these two courses continues the new direction of the NFHS Learning Center to expand its reach to contest officials, students, performing arts teachers/directors and others from its original mission of coaching education courses.

After starting with two courses – *Fundamentals of Coaching* and *First Aid for Coaches* – in 2007 through the NFHS Coach Education Program, the NFHS Learning Center now offers 47 online courses, including 22 that are offered free of charge. Since the launch of www.NFHSLearn.com in 2007, more than 4.7 million courses have been delivered.

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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 7.8 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 website at www.nfhs.org.

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