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**Updated “Sportsmanship” and “NCAA Eligibility” Online Courses
Available for Free on NFHS Learning Center**

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (May 15, 2018) — Two online courses on the National Federation of State High School Association’s (NFHS) Learning Center – “Sportsmanship” and “NCAA Eligibility” – have been revised to provide updated material for high school coaches and administrators, as well as parents and student-athletes. Both courses are free and available on the Learning Center at www.NFHSLearn.com.

The “Sportsmanship” course, which is intended to provide schools with a more positive game environment, defines sportsmanship, provides examples of good and poor sportsmanship, and discusses the roles of players, coaches, parents, fans and officials in the education-based setting of high school sports.

“Understanding the role that each person plays with regard to sportsmanship is critically important, and the revised course delivers that message in an engaging format,” said Dan Schuster, NFHS director of educational services.

The “NCAA Eligibility” course is designed to educate high school coaches, administrators and parents about the NCAA’s initial-eligibility requirements. The newly revised course provides the latest NCAA initial-eligibility standards and the steps that student-athletes need to complete in order to compete in NCAA Divisions I and II athletic programs.

“It is important that high school coaches and administrators have the latest information on NCAA eligibility standards to share with athletes and their parents,” Schuster said. “Even if coaches and administrators have taken the course in previous years, we would encourage those individuals to take the updated course now available through the NFHS Learning Center.”

After starting with two courses in 2007 through the NFHS Coach Education Program, the NFHS Learning Center now offers 58 online courses – including 25 of which are free – and has expanded its reach to contest officials, students, administrators and leaders in performing arts programs. Since the launch of www.NFHSLearn.com in 2007, the NFHS has delivered more than 6.7 million courses.

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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 7.9 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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