

# 2025 Spring Coaches Meeting Agenda

February 24, 2025

Centennial High School

6:00 PM

**Allied Softball, Baseball, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Softball, Track & Field**

## Registration

**Welcome – Be sure to CHECK IN with the QR Code for your sport and add your CONTACT INFORMATION**

## Materials your Athletics & Activities Manager (AAM) will or has distributed:

- HCPSS Spring Bulletins (Electronic)
- HCPSS Handbook for Interscholastic Sports (Electronic)
- MPSSAA passes.
- NFHS Rules Book (Head Coach)
- HCPSS passes.
- Citizenship Brochure (Electronic)
- Eligibility Brochure (Electronic)
- Hazing Brochure (Electronic)
- Risk Management Brochure (Electronic)
- Out-of-Season Contact Brochure (Electronic)
- Parent/Coach Communication Brochure (Electronic)
- Sexual Discrimination Flier (Electronic)

## MPSSAA Publications:

MPSSAA Handbook [MPSSAA Handbook](#)  
Spring 2025 MPSSAA Bulletin  
[MPSSAA Spring Bulletin](#)

## Coaching Eligibility – Policy 7120 Coaches and Advisors of High School Extracurricular Activities and HCPSS Athletics Office Procedures (1-1)

- All coaches will be processed and approved by Human Resources prior to reporting for their coaching assignment.
- Bloodborne Pathogens, prior to coaching, one time only
- Child Abuse Training
- CPR/AED, prior to coaching, bi-annual certification, **Paid Coaches must have hands-on training. Volunteer Coaches may take an online course.**
- Care & Prevention of Athletic Injuries within **one year of hire**
- New Coaches Orientation within one year of hire
- NFHS Concussion in Sports, prior to coaching, bi-annual certification (free and online)
- NFHS Heat Illness, prior to coaching, annual certification (free and online)

## **Credentialed Coach**

After July 1, 2010, an emergency coach is required to possess a Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSAA)/MSDE **coach certification** prior to the start of their fourth year as an emergency coach by completing the NFHS Coach Level 1 Certification or MSDE approved in-service coaching education program.

Credentialed Coaches must meet the following requirements:

- Completion of the National Federation of State High School Association's (NFHS) Coach Level 1 or Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) approved in-service coaching education program.
- Two years of successful coaching as an emergency coach in the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS).
- One year as a successful emergency coach at the school of hire in the position of hire.

A Credentialed Coach that moves to a different school must complete one year as a successful emergency coach at the new school of hire in the position of hire.

The **NFHS Coach Level 1** is earned by completing the NFHS Coach Level 1 program online at [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com).

This certification is obtained by receiving credit for the successful completion of the following courses:

- NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching.
- Fundamentals of Coaching (sport-specific), or if your sport's course is not yet available, Teaching Sport Skills fulfills the requirement for "General Certification".
- NFHS Concussion in Sports.
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- Protecting Students from Abuse

**Note: Taking the First Aid for Coaches course does not result in credit for the one-credit Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries course.**

Excluded Personnel:

An individual who has been convicted of, pleads guilty or nolo contendere with respect to, or receives probation before judgment with respect to, a crime against children or a crime of violence.

## Concussion Program – State Law

- **Coaches Certification – ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT**  
NFHS on-line; Bi-annual renewal mandated by the MPSSAA.
- **Parent/Student Education & Sign-off (2 forms) – ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT**
- **Athlete Baseline Testing – NO LONGER AN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT**, we will continue the program on a voluntary basis.

## Parent and Player Meetings

- PowerPoint Orientation-available to you
- PowerPoint Team Selection and Communication
- [Concussion Website](#)
- Brochures Available to you (see list above)

## Handbook Review

- **Athletic Personnel - Coaches** – (Section 1)
  - **Under Contract & Certified**
  - Consultants – (1-1)
- **Eligibility** (Section 2, 2-1 to 2-5)
  - Birth Certificate
  - Seasonal Verification of Residency
  - Allied Sports – never have played a JV or varsity sport. Waivers through Director of Athletics and Activities
  - Pre-participation Physical Examination Form – (Section 11)
  - Participation Form – (Section 11)
  - Sudden Cardiac Arrest Form – (Section 11)
- **Policy 9070 Academic Eligibility for High School Extracurricular Activities** –
  - For high school, a full-time student earns academic eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities by maintaining a 2.0 grade-point average (GPA), calculated using credit or non-credit courses, with no more than one failing grade for the marking period which governs eligibility for that activity.
  - Incomplete grades must be converted to a letter grade to determine eligibility. (Policy 8020 Grading and Reporting: High School)
  - If a student withdraws from a course, the grades at the time of withdrawal will be used in determining academic eligibility.
  - Weighted grades will be used for academic eligibility for extracurricular activities, including high school athletics.
- Participation Limitations – (Section 2)
- Attendance in School – (Section 2-4)
- Over the counter and prescription drugs –**Policy 9230, Alcohol, Other Drugs, Prescription Medication and Over the Counter Products** (2-5)
- **Regulations for Athletic Contests** (Section 3)
  - Practices – Regular and non-school days (3-1)
  - Physical Punishment – (Section 3-2)
  - JV Overtimes - Addressed in sports bulletins (3-9)
  - Procedures for Fights (3-10)
  - **911 activation** - notification to Pierre Van Greunen, Manager, Safety and Risk Management, Director of Athletics, AAM, Principal (3-10)
  - Accident Reports **NOW SUBMITTED ONLINE** – 911, Doctor, Parents, when in doubt, fill it out.
  - **Ejections from Game** – (Section 3-12 & 3-13) **2 game suspension for egregious ejection**
    - Player
    - Coach – **Must take NFHS Sportsmanship Course before coaching the next game.**
    - Parent/Adult Spectator
  - Postponed Games – (Section 3-25) **Must go through your AAM.**

- **Safety, Risk Management and Legal Issues** – (Section 5)
  - **Emergency Situations** – (Section 5-1 & 5-2), **Procedures & Contact List**
  - **Emergency Action Plans- you must have and practice the plan.**
  - Grounds, Maintenance and Repairs (5-1)
  - Equipment Storage and Use – (5-20, forms section 11)
  - Water Containers (5-21)
  - Weather – (Section 5-2 to 5-8)
  - Inclement Weather (3-3, 5-3)
  - Thunder and Lightning (5-7)
  - Heat Acclimatization and Heat Index (fall & spring) (5-4 to 5-6 and 8-1 to 8-4)
  - **Wet Bulb (New) OSHA App or Weather Bug**
  - Frostbite/Wind Chill
- **Transportation** – (Section 7)
- **Care & Prevention of Athletic Injuries** (Section 8)
  - **Gradual Return to Play** – ATC decision with all injuries, not just concussions (8-5)
  - Medical Kits (8-8)
  - Injuries – (Section 8)
    - **Heat Illness** (8-2 to 8-4)
    - **Concussions** (8-4 to 8-7). Guidelines, all sports
- **Publicity Public Relations** – (Section 10)
- **Athletic Forms** (Section 11)
- Howard County Policies –See AAM or go online.
- Your School’s Policies – See AAM

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS Interpreters w/ Sports Chair**

- **Rules Interpretations**
- **Review of County Bulletin with Sports Chairs**

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
<b>Outdoor Track</b>	<b>Cafeteria</b>
<b>Allied Softball</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Softball</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>Girls Lacrosse</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Tennis</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Boys Lacrosse</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>Baseball</b>	<b>107</b>

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