

282—22.1(272) Coaching authorization. A coaching authorization allows an individual to coach any sport in a middle school, junior high school, or high school.

22.1(1) Application process. Any person interested in the coaching authorization shall submit records of credit to the board of educational examiners for an evaluation in terms of the required courses or contact hours. Application materials are available from the office of the board of educational examiners, online at www.boee.iowa.gov, or from institutions or agencies offering approved courses or contact hours.

22.1(2) Requirements. Applicants for the coaching authorization shall have completed the following requirements:

a. Content requirements. Requirements completed for semester hour credit must be through a college or university accredited by an institutional accrediting agency as recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Applicants must complete the following content requirements:

(1) Successful completion of 1 semester credit hour or 10 contact hours in a course relating to knowledge and understanding of the structure and function of the human body in relation to physical activity.

(2) Successful completion of 1 semester credit hour or 10 contact hours in a course relating to knowledge and understanding of human growth and development of children and youth in relation to physical activity.

(3) Successful completion of 2 semester credit hours or 20 contact hours in a course relating to knowledge and understanding of the prevention and care of athletic injuries and medical and safety problems relating to physical activity.

(4) Successful completion of 1 semester credit hour or 10 contact hours relating to knowledge and understanding of the techniques and theory of coaching interscholastic athletics.

(5) Beginning on or after July 1, 2000, each applicant for an initial coaching authorization shall have successfully completed 1 semester credit hour or 15 contact hours in a course relating to the theory of coaching which must include at least 5 contact hours relating to the knowledge and understanding of professional ethics and legal responsibilities of coaches.

(6) Successful completion of the concussion training approved by the Iowa High School Athletic Association or Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union.

(7) Successful completion of CPR training as verified by a current certificate.

b. Minimum age or diploma. Applicants must have attained a minimum of 18 years. Applicants must also:

(1) Possess a minimum of:

1. A high school diploma,

2. A graduate equivalent diploma, or

3. Home school completion verified by the executive director; or

(2) Be 20 years of age or older.

c. Background check. Applicants must complete the background check requirements set forth in rule 282—13.1(272).

d. License without deficiencies. Applicants who hold a coaching license, certificate, or authorization from at least one other issuing jurisdiction in another state will not be subject to additional coursework if the following requirements have been met:

(1) Verification of Iowa residency in the state of Iowa, or, for military spouses, verification of a permanent change of military installation.

(2) Valid or expired equivalent license in good standing from another state without pending disciplinary action, valid for a minimum of one year, exclusive of a temporary, emergency or substitute license or certificate.

22.1(3) Validity. The coaching authorization shall be valid for five years.

22.1(4) Renewal. The authorization may be renewed upon application and verification of successful completion of:

a. Renewal activities. Applicants for renewal of a coaching authorization must:

(1) Successfully complete five planned renewal activities/courses related to athletic coaching approved in accordance with guidelines approved by the board of educational examiners. Additionally, each applicant for the renewal of a coaching authorization shall have completed one renewal activity/course relating to the knowledge and understanding of professional ethics and legal responsibilities of coaches.

(2) Annually complete the concussion training approved by the Iowa High School Athletic Association or the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union. Completion of the concussion training may be waived if the applicant is not serving as a coach. Attendance at the annual concussion training may be used for a maximum of one planned activity/course required in 22.1(4)“a”(1).

(3) Complete child and dependent adult abuse trainings. Every renewal applicant must submit documentation of completion of the child and dependent adult abuse trainings pursuant to 282—subrule 20.3(4). These trainings combined may be used for a total of one planned activity/course required in 22.1(4)“a”(1).

(4) Provide a current certificate of CPR training.

b. A one-year extension of the applicant’s coaching authorization may be issued if all requirements for the renewal of the coaching authorization have not been met. The applicant must complete the concussion training approved by the Iowa High School Athletic Association or the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union before serving as a coach. The one-year extension is not renewable. The fee for this extension is found in 282—Chapter 12.

22.1(5) *Revocation and suspension.* Criteria of professional practice and rules of the board of educational examiners shall be applicable to the holders of the coaching authorization. An ethics complaint may be filed if a practitioner begins coaching a sport without current concussion training.

22.1(6) *Approval of courses.* Each institution of higher education, private college or university, merged area school or area education agency wishing to offer the semester credit or contact hours for the coaching authorization must submit course descriptions for each offering to the board of educational examiners for approval. After initial approval, any changes by agencies or institutions in course offerings shall be filed with the board of educational examiners.

22.1(7) *Transitional coaching authorization.*

a. *Application process.* Any person interested in the transitional coaching authorization shall submit a complete application verifying the requirements listed below. Application materials are available from the board of educational examiners online at www.boee.iowa.gov.

b. *Requirements.* Applicants for the transitional coaching authorization shall have completed each of the following requirements:

(1) Verification that the applicant has not completed the coursework required for a coaching authorization.

(2) Verification of an offer of a coaching position by a school or a consortium of schools that will additionally verify that:

1. No fully authorized coaching candidates were found after a diligent search,

2. The transitional coach will be supervised by a licensed athletic director, administrator, or other practitioner serving in a supervisory role during the first two weeks of employment, and

3. The supervisor will evaluate the performance of the transitional coach using an evaluation form available on the school’s website.

(3) Successful completion of an approved shortened course of training related to the code of professional rights and responsibilities, practices, and ethics specifically developed for transitional coaches.

(4) Successful completion of the child and dependent adult abuse trainings pursuant to 282—subrule 20.3(4).

(5) Successful completion of a nationally recognized concussion in youth sports training course.

(6) Verification that the applicant has attained a minimum age of 21 years.

(7) Verification of completion of the background check requirements set forth in rule 282—13.1(272).

c. Validity. The transitional coaching authorization shall be valid for no more than one year and shall be valid only in the school or consortium of schools making the offer of the coaching position.

d. Renewal. The transitional coaching authorization is nonrenewable.

e. Revocation and suspension. Criteria of professional practice and rules of the board of educational examiners shall apply to holders of a transitional coaching authorization. An ethics complaint may be filed if a practitioner begins coaching a sport without current concussion training. [ARC 0865C, IAB 7/24/13, effective 8/28/13; ARC 0866C, IAB 7/24/13, effective 8/28/13; ARC 2230C, IAB 11/11/15, effective 12/16/15; ARC 2588C, IAB 6/22/16, effective 7/27/16; ARC 2793C, IAB 11/9/16, effective 12/14/16; see Delay note at end of chapter; ARC 4634C, IAB 8/28/19, effective 10/2/19; ARC 5321C, IAB 12/16/20, effective 1/20/21; ARC 5803C, IAB 7/28/21, effective 9/1/21]