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Rule as Adopted

Chapter Twenty-Seven A: Licensure of Supervisory and Support Personnel;  
Issuance, Suspension, and Revocation

5 MCAR § 1.0533 Head varsity coaches of interscholastic sports in senior high schools.

- A. Applicability. Every senior high school shall have a licensed head varsity coach for each interscholastic sport except as otherwise provided in C., below. Each person who is employed and functions as a head varsity coach of an interscholastic sport in a senior high school shall hold a valid Minnesota teaching license and shall satisfactorily complete a preparation program approved by the Minnesota Board of Education leading to the licensure of head varsity coaches of interscholastic sports.
- B. Definitions. For purposes of this rule, the following definitions shall apply:
1. Head varsity coach. The teacher who has the primary responsibility for a senior high school varsity interscholastic sport.
  2. Interscholastic sports. A sport in which there is scheduled competition with athletic teams of another school within and outside the school district.
  3. Senior high school. A secondary school consisting of grades 10-12 or grades 9-12 in a four-year secondary school and grades 9-12 in six-year secondary schools.
- C. Scope. Nothing in this rule shall prohibit a school district from employing an unlicensed person as assistant to a licensed head varsity coach of an interscholastic sport or to coach a junior high school sport.
- D. Qualifications for licensure. All candidates recommended for licensure as a head varsity coach of interscholastic sports shall have satisfactorily completed a program approved by the Minnesota Board of Education consisting of 12 to 18 quarter hours or the equivalent containing components designed to provide candidates recommended for licensure with knowledge, skills, and understandings in all of the following areas:
1. First aid and prevention and care of athletic injuries.
  2. Science of sports, including principles of anatomy and kinesiology and principles of exercise physiology.
  3. Theory and practice of sports techniques.
  4. Psychology of sports and coaching.
  5. Satisfactory completion of a supervised field experience in coaching consisting of no fewer than 40 clock hours.

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- E. Alternative route to licensure. A school district may contract with Minnesota colleges and universities which offer approved programs leading to the licensure of head varsity coaches to develop jointly the program of instruction outlined above. Such jointly developed programs must be approved by the Minnesota Board of Education. Recommendation of candidates for head varsity coaching licensure shall be the responsibility of the college or university through which the program was developed.
- F. Teachers employed as head varsity, assistant, or junior high school coaches prior to July 1, 1982. A person holding a valid Minnesota teaching license who, prior to the effective date of this rule, is currently employed or was previously employed as a head varsity, assistant, or junior high school coach, as verified by the superintendent of schools of the school district employing the coach, and who can provide verification of completion of six quarter hours or 60 clock hours of instruction in first aid and the prevention and care of athletic injuries shall, upon application, be issued a license as head varsity coach of interscholastic sports.
- G. Effective date. The provisions of this rule are effective on July 1, 1982, for applicants for the initial license as a head varsity coach of interscholastic sports.
- H. School district hardship situations. In cases where a local school district is unable to employ a licensed head varsity coach of interscholastic sports, the superintendent of such school district may request the commissioner of education to grant a provisional license for one school year, renewable upon application on a year to year basis to a teacher or a baccalaureate degreed person to serve as a head varsity coach of an interscholastic sport upon evidence submitted by the superintendent of schools that the following conditions have been met:
1. Evidence that the school district is unable to employ a licensed head varsity coach of interscholastic sports for the current school year, and
  2. The person to be employed under such authorization holds a current, valid Minnesota teaching license or a baccalaureate degree, and
  3. The person to be employed under such authorization has experience in the sport and can demonstrate to the superintendent of schools that he/she has the fundamental knowledge and skills necessary for coaching the sport, and
  4. Verification of completion of six quarter hours or 60 clock hours of instruction in first aid and the care and prevention of athletic injuries.
- I. Licenses as head varsity coaches shall be renewed according to provisions of 5 MCAR § 3.005 continuing education/relicensure.