

5593. Temporary Athletic Team Coach Qualifications and Competencies.

This section applies to any person serving at any grade level as a temporary athletic team coach.

(a) The district shall determine whether a temporary athletic team coach is knowledgeable and competent in the areas of:

- (1) Care and prevention of athletic injuries, basic first aid and emergency procedures;
- (2) Coaching techniques;
- (3) Rules and regulations in the athletic activity being coached; and
- (4) Child or adolescent psychology, whichever is appropriate to the grade level of the involved sports activity.

(b) The district shall establish a temporary athletic team coach's qualifications in each of the below specified four competency areas.

- (1) Care and prevention of athletic injuries, basic sports injury first aid, and emergency procedures as evidenced by one or more of the following:
 - (A) Completion of a college-level course in the care and prevention of athletic injuries and possession of a valid cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) card; or
 - (B) A valid sports injury certificate or first aid card, and a valid cardiopulmonary resuscitation CPR card; or
 - (C) A valid Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) I or II card; or
 - (D) A valid trainer's certification issued by the National or California Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA/CATA); or
 - (E) The person has had practical experience under the supervision of an athletic coach or trainer, or has assisted in team athletic training and conditioning, and has both valid CPR and first aid cards.
 - (2) Coaching theory and techniques in the sport or game being coached, as evidenced by one or more of the following:
 - (A) Completion of a college course in coaching theory and techniques; or
 - (B) Completion of in-service programs arranged by a school district or a county office of education; or
 - (C) Prior service as a student coach or assistant athletic coach in the sport or game being coached; or
 - (D) Prior coaching in community youth athletic programs in the sport to be coached; or
 - (E) Prior participation in organized competitive athletics at high school level or above in the sport to be coached.
 - (3) Knowledge of the rules and regulations pertaining to the sport or game being coached, the league rules and, at the high school level, regulations of the CIF.
 - (4) Knowledge of child or adolescent psychology as it relates to sports participation as evidenced by one or more of the following:
 - (A) Completion of a college-level course in child psychology for elementary school positions and adolescent or sports psychology for secondary school positions; or
 - (B) Completion of a seminar or workshop on human growth and development of youth; or
 - (C) Prior active involvement with youth in a school or community sports program.
- (c) The school district superintendent may waive compliance with any one or more of the competencies described in subsection (a) provided that the person is enrolled in a program leading to acquisition of a competency. Until the competencies are met, the prospective coach shall serve under the immediate supervision of a fully qualified temporary athletic team coach.

5594. Local Board Certification of Athletic Coaches.

At the first regular board meeting or within 30 days after selection of a temporary athletic team coach, whichever is sooner, the district superintendent shall certify to the local board of trustees that the provisions in Section 5593 have been met. The board shall, by April 1 of each year, certify to the State Board of Education that the provisions of Section 5593 have been met. Said certification form shall be prescribed by the State Department of Education.