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Jerry Snodgrass joined the OHSAA in August 2008 as assistant commissioner. For the previous 31 years he served as a high school teacher, coach and athletic director, including the last 25 years at Findlay High School. Snodgrass was elected president of the OHSAA Board of Directors for the 2006-07 school year and is a trustee for the OHSAA Foundation.

PUPIL ACTIVITY PROGRAM/COACHING PERMIT INCLUDES CPR, FUNDAMENTALS OF COACHING AND CONCUSSION COURSE

A reminder to all coaches (paid and volunteer) and school administrators that according to the Ohio Department of Education, the Pupil Activity Program/Coaching Permit is required for a pupil activity program that involves athletics, routine or regular physical activity or activities with health and safety considerations.

Specifically regarding coaches, on page two of the application is the following section:

Additional Coaching Requirements

1. Must hold a valid CPR card during his/her season.
2. Must show evidence of completing one of the two approved online concussion programs.
3. Must complete the NFHS 'Fundamentals of Coaching' class.

Please do not send copies of your class certificate or CPR card to the OHSAA. Completion of those two requirements must be verified by the school district where you are coaching.

For more information and to locate the form, log on to the OHSAA's Sports Medicine page for the direct link to the ODE permit section.

From the NFHS Football Rules Book

The function of a coach is to educate students through participation in interscholastic competition. An interscholastic program should be designed to enhance academic achievement and should never interfere with opportunities for academic success. Each student should be treated with the utmost respect and his or her welfare should be considered in decisions by the coach at all times. Accordingly, the following guidelines for coaches have been adopted by the NFHS Board of Directors.



The Coach shall be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the student and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.

The Coach shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. IN all personal contact with students, officials, athletic directors, school administrators, the state high school athletic association, the media and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.

The Coach shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse.

The Coach shall promote the entire interscholastic program of the school and direct the program in harmony with the total school program.

The Coach shall master the contest rules and shall teach them to his or her team members.

The Coach shall not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.

The Coach shall exert his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators, both directly and by working closely with cheerleaders, pep club sponsors, booster clubs, and administrators.

The Coach shall respect and support contest officials. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players is unethical.

The Coach should meet and exchange cordial greetings with the opposing coach to set the correct tone for the event before and after the contest.

The Coach shall not exert pressure on faculty members to give students special consideration.

The Coach shall not scout opponents by any means other than those adopted by the league and/or state high school athletic association.



OHSAA Commissioner Dr. Dan Ross congratulates Minster native Katie Horstman on her induction into the NFHS National Hall of Fame last summer. Katie started the girls sports program at Minster and led the Wildcats to nine state championships (eight in track and one in cross country). Before coaching, she played in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League in the early 1950s, which led to the movie "A League of Their Own."