



SUSD #48 High School, Middle School & Volunteer Athletic Coaching Requirements for Clearance and Certification*

All coaches must be at least age 21**

High School Head Coaching Requirements:

Head Coaches must have completed requirements below prior to start:

- Arizona IVP Fingerprint Clearance Card (FPCC)
- [Arizona Teaching Certificate](#) OR [Arizona Coaching Certificate](#) (preferred not required)
- [NFHS Level I Certification](#) (Includes Concussion in Sports, Fundamentals of Coaching, Sudden Cardiac Arrest and Protecting Students from Abuse)
- NFHS Cheer and Dance Safety Certificate (applicable for Cheer, Dance and Spirit line)
- NFHS First Aid, Health, and Safety Certificate/CPR

High School Varsity Assistant, JV, and FR Coaches and Middle School Coaches*:

Must have completed prior to start:

- Arizona IVP Fingerprint Clearance Card (FPCC)
- NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Certificate
- NFHS Concussion in Sports Certificate
- NFHS First Aid, Health, and Safety Certificate/CPR (Preferred)
- NFHS Cheer and Dance Safety Certificate (applicable for Cheer, Dance and Spirit line)

Volunteer Coaches*:

All volunteer coaches must have the following completed prior to start:

- Arizona IVP Fingerprint Clearance Card (FPCC) OR One-time Fingerprint Background Check
- NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Certificate
- NFHS Concussion in Sports Certificate
- NFHS First Aid, Health, and Safety Certificate/CPR (Preferred)
- NFHS Cheer and Dance Safety Certificate (HS Cheer/Pom/Spirit line only)

**Coaches are not to be on the field/court until they have been cleared by Human Resources. The final step of clearance by HR will be the coach's photo taken and SUSD ID badge issued.*

***Age Requirement: All paid and volunteer coaches must be 21 years of age, EXCEPT, If the applicant is an SUSD graduate and/or former student athlete at that school, we may approve them younger than 21 but must be at least 18. Written verification from Athletic Director required – by email to HR.*

Definitions:

NFHS – National Federation of State High School Associations courses are available [Online](#).

IVP FPCC – Identity Verified Prints Fingerprint Clearance Card available through the [Arizona Department of Public Safety](#).