



CONCUSSION CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

Per Illinois Senate Bill 7, all interscholastic coaches must take an approved concussion education course and pass the corresponding test. IESA, in conjunction with IHSA, has designed an approved course for all IESA member schools. The steps below outline the entire process that must be completed in order for a coach to be concussion-certified. This must be completed prior to beginning coaching and must be done every 2 years.

To access the course, IESA member school personnel may use the AD or Concussion password that was issued to your school.

1. Click on the red "Member Login" button located near the top of the IESA website.
2. Select your school from the drop down menu and enter the concussion password issued to your school.
3. Click on the "Concussion Certification" link located near the top of your school page.

The IESA Concussion Certification page includes several links. In order to be in compliance with the legislation, individuals must access the links and complete all components listed under Section A and the test located under Section B. Follow all of these steps:

Section A

1. IHSA/IESA video
 - a. Watch the IHSA/IESA Concussion presentation. The course is a production of IESA leaders. Users will have to sign in to access the video.
 - b. Users will receive a certificate at the conclusion of the presentation – this only indicates that this portion of the overall course has been completed. There is still more to complete as outlined below.
2. NFHS Course
 - a. Complete the NFHS Concussion Course. This is a free course provided by the NFHS.
 - b. The course is comprised of a video presentation and test. Individuals will have to create an account and order the free course in order to complete this component.
 - c. Users will receive a certificate after the presentation and test have been completed - this only indicates that this portion of the overall course has been completed. There is still more to complete as outlined below.
 - d. Here are links to video instructions on accessing NFHSLearn content.
 - i. Register for an NFHSLearn account: <https://youtu.be/zjp1pUXbdGw>
 - ii. Ordering an NFHSLearn course: <https://youtu.be/hca7SP8RbTU>
3. Review all of the General Resource PDFs listed on the Concussion Certification webpage.
 - a. These general resources are CDC Concussion at Play, CDC Implementing Return to Play, CDC A Fact Sheet for High School Sports Officials, NASP Return to Learning, CDC Returning to Learning, CDC Concussion Guide for Coaches.

Section B

1. Successfully pass the IESA concussion test - individuals must answer 24 of 30 questions correctly to pass the test.
 - a. The test may be taken as many times as necessary.
 - b. Individuals should print the final page that indicates their test score as proof of compliance.
 - c. When this test is completed and passed, the individual will show up on the school's list of concussion certified coaches.
 - i. Oftentimes when a coach does not show up on the school's list of concussion-certified coaches, it is because he/she has not completed all steps of the certification process.