

National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education

Founded in 2000 by sport coaching leaders,

NCACE promotes and facilitates the spread of quality coaching within all levels of amateur sport by evaluating and accrediting sport coaching education programs nationwide. Through accreditation, NCACE provides leadership and guidance to coaching education providers, sports administrators, and the public regarding the necessary knowledge, values and skills needed by effective coaches. In addition, NCACE endorses the *National Standards for Sport Coaches*.



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Service Information

NCACE Background

The National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education (NCACE) was founded in 2000 by American sport and coaching education leaders. NCACE works to provide quality coaching through the review and professional accreditation of coach education programs, and by encouraging continuous improvement of coaching education in the U.S. To date, over 20 coaching education programs, including youth sport, high school and institutions of higher learning, have been accredited by NCACE.

Key to NCACE's efforts are the *National Standards for Sport Coaches*. Originally published in 1995 and updated in 2006 by the National Association for Sport & Physical Education, the *Standards* provides the basis in which NCACE evaluates the content of coaching education programs.



Accrediting Quality Coaching

Education

NCACE grants accreditation to educational programs that meet or exceed the requirements outlined in the *NCACE Guidelines for Accreditation of Coaching Education* (available for free on our website). Sport coaching educational programs are evaluated according to documentation provided by coaching education providers who demonstrate the ability to furnish to coaches the knowledge, skills and values described in the *Standards*.

Applications for accreditation are accepted twice a year in January and July.

NCACE Organization

NCACE is governed by a Board of Directors representing all segments of the amateur sports world and coaching education industry. The NCACE Executive Director supports Board activities and oversees the accreditation process. NCACE accreditation efforts are undertaken by our dedicated volunteer program reviewers. Training for our volunteers and programs applying for accreditation is provided twice a year. NCACE is always seeking volunteers to be program reviewers. Active reviewers receive complimentary memberships.

NCACE Services

NCACE in pursuit of its mission provides the following services:

Registry: Coaching education providers planning to apply for accreditation may join the NCACE Registry and receive unlimited virtual application assistance and free attendance at application prep workshops for three years.

Information Sharing: NCACE publishes a e-newsletter and news updates for its members and others interested in coaching education.

Membership: Interested organizations or individuals are encouraged to join NCACE. Please see our website for more information.

Accreditation: NCACE accepts applications twice a year in January and July. Accredited programs are promoted on the NCACE website and provided with associated branding to promote their quality programs.

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