



National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education

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West Virginia Univ Professor Elected to Board of Directors

Following the completion of the National Coaching Educators Conference in late June, Kristen Dieffenbach, PhD, started her three-year term on the National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education's (NCACE) Board of Directors. Dr. Dieffenbach, is an assistant professor in the Athletic Coaching Education program at West Virginia University, and an accomplished cycling and triathlon coach. She is also the current coaching education representative to the NASPE Sport Steering Committee.

"Participating in sport has enriched and enhanced my life in countless ways. I look forward to giving back and honoring those who made my experiences great through my opportunity to serve on the NCACE board," stated Dieffenbach. "I am excited to be a part of the continued growth and development of quality sport programs," she added.

"We are very pleased to have such an accomplished coaching educator and coach like Kristen to be part of NCACE's Board of Directors for the upcoming three years," stated Christopher Hickey, NCACE Executive Director. "Kristen's work with USA Cycling, USA Water Polo and US Tennis Association coaching education programs and West Virginia Univ brings a rich and diverse background to our efforts to improve coaching quality across the United States," Hickey added.

Dr. Dieffenbach, a certified sport psychology consultant, has coached numerous cyclists and tri-athletes, and is a USA Track & Field Level 2 distance events certified coach. She holds a PhD in Exercise Science with emphasis in exercise and sport psychology from the Univ of North Carolina Greensboro, and a Bachelor's degree from Boston University.

The National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education (NCACE) is an organization established by the coaching education community across the U.S. Representatives include members from the single-sport, multi-sport, science/medical/educational fields, and colleges and universities concerned about the availability and quality of coaching education at all levels of sport. NCACE is a not-for-profit organization comprised of organizations and individuals involved in or supporting coaching and coaching education. NCACE supports, facilitates development of, and accredits coaching education programs and established program standards to conduct the program review for organizations seeking to provide effective coaching education programs at all levels. For more information, visit www.NCACEinfo.org or contact NCACE at 1-800-213-7193, ext. 393.