

High School Coaches Coaching Outside Teams

The following rules apply to all high school coaches coaching outside teams:

1. No high school coach at any level (freshmen through varsity), including volunteer high school coaches, may coach on Sunday throughout the school year when contact with that coach's own high school players may occur – grades 9-12. This includes coaching them and/or coaching against them. Although a coach can serve as an official in a tournament where his/her high school players are playing, he/she should not officiate a contest that includes students from his/her school; further it does not give him/her the right to coach them or have contact with them in any way. (For further clarification, see the CHSAA Constitution and Bylaws 2310.5)
2. A high school coach may not “resign” immediately after the high school season in order to coach an outside team and then sign a “new” contract for his/her next high school season at that school or another school. CHSAA considers a high school coach to a coach throughout the school year. Thus, a coach may not resign from one school after the season expecting to be legal coaching an outside program.
3. A high school coach may coach his/her own high school players on Monday through Saturday.
4. All rules apply regardless of the occupation of outside coaches regarding the Sunday Contact Rule. It does not matter whether any of the coaches are teaching in the school or are otherwise employed.
5. A high school coach may coach eighth grade students as long as the coach does nothing to recruit and/or encourage in any way an athlete to play for the coach's high school program.
6. Undue influence (recruiting) must not occur when coaching junior high/middle school athletes. At no time may a coach attempt to influence an athlete to attend a particular high school.
7. A high school coach may attend any outside competition on a Sunday as a spectator even though his/her high school players are playing BUT may have no contact with those players at any time. The coach may not provide transportation for the players to and from the tournament nor sit on the bench of any team throughout the tournament nor coach from the stands.
8. Directors and/or coaches of club, who also coach at the high school level, must follow all CHSAA rules regarding Sunday Contact.
9. A coach may have contact with his/her team on Sunday for a social, academic, or service-related activity that is strictly voluntary. The contact must be a voluntary, non-competitive/non-participatory activity.

Please note that the penalty for violation of these CHSAA bylaws is restriction of that team from the playoffs. Feel free to call CHSAA with any questions.