

## **Coaches Education Initiative**

Purpose: to promote coaches education and coaching recertification amongst Minnesota high school coaches – varsity, junior varsity and B-squad.

### **Head Coaches in 2011-12 and beyond:**

All Head Coaches need to create their personalized “**Coaches Clipboard**” prior to the start of their respective season. On the “clipboard” will be the online Rules Interpretation Meeting information that each head coach must annually complete. However, PRIOR to having access to the online rules meeting, each head coach will need to complete a 2 to 2 ½ hour module including but not limited to: Health and Safety, Concussion Education, Philosophy of Educational Athletics. Once the module and the online rules meeting have been completed (prior to the start of the season), that head coach will be “certified” for a three-year period. The rules interpretation meeting will continue to be an annual requirement, as it is now, but the recertification education piece would only occur every third year. In following recertification cycles, a coach would have a variety of components germane to coaching and working with high school athletes that he or she could elect to complete. Potentially built into all of this is the possibility of receiving **Continuing Education Units** for the online work. League staff will continue to pursue this benefit.

### **Assistant Coaches in 2011-12 and beyond:**

All varsity assistants, junior varsity and B-squad coaches need to create their personalized “Coaches Clipboard” prior to the start of their respective season. On this “clipboard”, they would take the annual online rules interpretation test. Starting in the 2012-13 school year, assistant coaches would also complete the certification/education module followed by the online rules meeting. They would now be on a similar 3-year cycle as the head coaches as outlined above.

### **The role of the Activities Director:**

1. Assign all coaches to register into the MSHSL’s **Coaches’ Clipboard**
2. Monitor (online) the completion of rules interpretation module for coaches
3. Facilitate written rules interpretation tests, if/when necessary
4. Follow up with coaches who fail to complete the certification and/or rules interpretation portions of this initiative -