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Applicant Name: _____

School: _____

Interview Date: _____



Hillsborough County
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Preparing Students for Life

2025-2026

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACHING PACKET

All volunteer coaches must annually complete this packet and ensure contact numbers and emergency information is kept current during the school year. Non-disclosure of all information will result in denial of application.

Once filled out completely, signed by the volunteer coach, supervising head coach and school administration, please forward the entire packet to the Athletics Dept. Velasco, Rt. 7. Keep a copy at your site. The original will be returned to you with directions for further processing, or approval to begin coaching.

Fingerprinting for volunteer coaches is good for five (5) school years.

Please keep the original and stamped applications on file at your site for a minimum of 5 years. Do not write on the top of the application on page 1 as this is the space for HCPS Athletic Office to date stamp the application.

CHECKLIST: (Each coach must have an Aktivite account and must upload required documents)

- _____ **1. Completed application including recommendation, Standards, and Procedures**
- _____ **2. Copy of Certificates of Completion for all required FHSAA/NFHS trainings (Sudden Cardiac Arrest, Concussion in Sports, First Aid Training, and Heat-Illness Prevention). Football coaches must complete the NFHS USA Football Tackling and Contact (football only).**
- _____ **3. CPR/AED and First Aid Training**
- _____ **4. PCA Training (High Schools Only)**
- _____ **5. Head coach signature**
- _____ **6. School administration signature**
- _____ **7. Submitted to Athletics Office for preliminary check**
- _____ **8. Fingerprinting/complete process as directed by Athletics Office**
- _____ **9. All originals returned to site with appropriate stamps/signatures**
- _____ **10. Notify head coach and applicant that they may begin coaching**

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APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACHING POSITION

*** AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER ***

School District of Hillsborough County workplaces are drug-free. Representatives of the district are prohibited from engaging in unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance. Violation of the prohibition shall result in appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

Name _____ School _____
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Are you a current employee of Hillsborough County Public Schools in any job? Yes No

If yes, Lawson number: _____

If no, last 4 digits of your Social Security Number: _____

Have you ever served as a volunteer COACH for Hillsborough County Public Schools? Yes No

If yes, dates of service: _____

Address _____ Sport _____
street city state zip

Cell Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

Email Address _____ Sex _____ Citizen of U.S? Yes No

In Case of Emergency, contact: _____ Telephone _____

RECENT OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCES

From (Month/Year)	To (Month/Year)	Name and Address of Employer	Occupation

CRIMINAL RECORD INFORMATION - ALL APPLICANTS PLEASE READ VERY CAREFULLY.

ATTENTION: Under provisions in Florida Statutes 943.0585 and 943.059, the **entire** arrest record is revealed to school districts by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the FBI when fingerprints are supplied, including "sealed records" and "expunged" records. Therefore, you are **required** to reveal such information on this application.

Be aware that falsification of records includes omission of information and constitutes grounds for ineligibility. Conviction of a crime will not necessarily be a bar to consideration. Factors such as age at the time of the offense, type of offense, remoteness of the offense in time and rehabilitation will be considered in determining effect on suitability for service.

- 1) Have you ever been arrested or charged for a criminal offense other than a minor traffic violation? (DUI is NOT considered a minor traffic violation.) Yes No
- 2) Is there any criminal charge now pending against you other than a minor traffic violation? (DUI is NOT considered a minor traffic violation.) Yes No
- 3) Are you currently on probation or currently under any imposed requirements for charges other than a minor traffic violation? (DUI is NOT considered a minor traffic violation.) Yes No



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RECOMMENDATION FOR VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACHING POSITION

I, _____, release any individual providing a reference to the School District of Hillsborough County from any liability relating to disclosure of my performance. I further acknowledge that a copy of this document is as valid as the original.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor
Appearance					
English Usage					
Cooperation and Dependability					
Emotional Stability					
Mature Judgment					
Attendance					
Promptness					
Organization and Implementation of Work					
Rapport with Other Employees					
Discipline					
Motivation to "Go the Extra Mile"					
Overall Success at Your Business					

Comment if you wish to provide additional information regarding the ability, performance, and/or attitude of this applicant.

In what capacity have you known this applicant? _____

Was this person terminated (fired) from his/her employment/relationship with you? _____

Did this person resign in lieu of discharge from your employment/relationship? _____

Did you enter into any agreement with this person subject to references? _____

Would you employ (re-employ) this person? _____

 Printed Name

 Title

 Signature

 Phone

 Date

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STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES
VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACHING POSITION

The school, administration, coaches, and volunteers shall adhere to Florida High School Athletic Association Bylaws Policy 10.1 Qualifications of Coaches:

Under **10.1 Qualifications of Coaches**

10.1.1 *An individual who serves as a head coach and/or assistant coach at a member school in any sport that is recognized or sanctioned by the Association shall be either:*

(C) A volunteer who is approved to serve as a coach by the district school board for a member public school, the governing body for a member nonpublic school, or the cooperative board of directors for a member home school cooperative; provided the individual signs and files with the principal of the member school an agreement to abide by the bylaws, regulations, policies and procedures of the Association.

This provision shall not relieve any public school from its obligations pursuant to Florida Statutes, Department of Education regulations or district school board policy.¹

1. The Principal shall adopt a procedure for assuring that each volunteer coaching aide who at anytime is expected to assume coaching responsibilities of student-athletes possess a clear understanding of state and district rules, policies, and regulations relevant to coaching responsibilities.
2. It is the responsibility of the head coach to ascertain before a volunteer coaching aide is assigned duties requiring knowledge of rules, regulations, or policies of a special nature that the volunteer coaching aide possesses the necessary knowledge to perform such duties in a proper and reasonable manner.
3. The Principal shall adopt a procedure for assuring that each volunteer coaching aide who at any time is expected to assume coaching responsibilities of the head coach in promoting student-athlete learning possesses a clear understanding of instructional practices and procedures relevant to assigned responsibilities. When a volunteer coaching aide is assigned, duties requiring knowledge of instructional practices of a specialized nature, it is the responsibility of the head coach to ascertain in advance that the volunteer possesses the necessary knowledge.
4. Volunteer coaches who have not assisted before shall be supervised in all assignments to provide immediate assistance to the aide at anytime the aide is working directly with students. The length of the supervised practices may vary depending upon the capability and prior experience of the volunteer coaching aide.
5. Volunteer coaches shall not be assigned or shall not assume any disciplinary responsibility.

6. Volunteer coaches shall not
 - a. Establish instructional objectives
 - b. Make decisions regarding the appropriateness of certain teaching materials for accomplishing objectives
 - c. Make decisions regarding the relevancy of certain activities or procedures to the attainment of objectives.

*** Items (A) and (B) do not apply to volunteer coaches and have been left off this document. To review items (A) and (B), refer to the FHSAA Handbook.

7. The head coach is responsible to the Principal or Principal's designee for a continued evaluation of the volunteer coaching aide.
8. Volunteer coaches must be fingerprinted prior to beginning work with student-athletes. The cost of fingerprinting will be borne by the volunteer. Fingerprinting will be valid for five consecutive school years from the date of fingerprinting.
9. Volunteer Coaches must submit completion certificates for all required videos each school year prior to any interaction with student-athletes.
10. Volunteer Coaches must be CPR/AED/First Aid certified prior to any interaction with student-athletes.
11. Volunteer Coaches must attend PCA each school year prior to any interaction with student-athletes.
12. Volunteer coaches may be terminated at any time at the discretion of the principal or designee without cause.
13. Volunteer coaches must complete all requirements (paperwork, fingerprints, trainings, etc.) and receive clearance from the APA prior to attending any student activities including, but not limited to, conditioning, practices, and/or contest.

The individuals whose names appear below acknowledge they have read and had opportunity to ask questions regarding the contents of this agreement.

Print Name of Volunteer Coach

Signature of Volunteer Coach

Print Name of Head Coach

Signature of Head Coach

Print Name of Designated Assistant Principal

Signature of Designated Assistant Principal

Required Concussion In Sports Course

Coaches are required to view the free, online course titled, “Concussion in Sports”. Follow the instructions below to view the course.

- Go to www.nfhslearn.com
- Use login and password originally created or create one
- Click on “Concussion in Sports” under Free Courses
- Click Order Course (the video is free)
- Select an option and click Continue
- Select Florida as your state
- Click Checkout
- Click Complete Purchase (there should not be a charge unless you are purchasing other videos)

Coaches must upload their certificate of completion to their Aktivite account for the Assistant Principal for Administration to approve prior to coaching (paid and volunteer coaches).

Required Heat Illness Prevention Course

Coaches are required to view the free, online course titled, “Heat Illness Prevention”. Follow the instructions below to view the course.

- Go to www.nfhslearn.com
- Use login and password originally created or create one
- Click on “Heat Illness Prevention” under Free Courses
- Click Order Course (the video is free)
- Select an option and click Continue
- Select Florida as your state
- Click Checkout
- Click Complete Purchase (there should not be a charge unless you are purchasing other videos)

Coaches must upload their certificate of completion to their Aktivite account for the Assistant Principal for Administration to approve prior to coaching (paid and volunteer coaches).

Required Sudden Cardiac Arrest Course ***

Coaches are required to view the free, online course titled, “Sudden Cardiac Arrest”. Follow the instructions below to view the course.

- Go to www.nfhslearn.com
- Use login and password originally created or create one
- Click on “Sudden Cardiac Arrest” under Free Courses
- Click Order Course (the video is free)
- Select an option and click Continue
- Select Florida as your state
- Click Checkout
- Click Complete Purchase (there should not be a charge unless you are purchasing other videos)

Coaches must upload their certificate of completion to their Aktivite account for the Assistant Principal for Administration to approve prior to coaching (paid and volunteer coaches).

*** See APA for other options

Cheer and Dance Safety Certification Course (Formerly AACCA)

Cheer Paid Coaches are required to view the online course titled, “*Cheer and Dance Safety Certification*”. Follow the instructions below to view the course.

- Go to www.nfhslearn.com
- Use login and password originally created or create one
- Click on “*Cheer and Dance Safety Certification*”
- Select Florida as your state
- Click Order Course
- Click Checkout. Cost is \$85. Approved Coaches will receive an email from the NFHS with a link to the pre-paid course (do not share link – only valid one time). This course is purchased by the HCPS Athletics Department. There will be a registration deadline for coaches that need to take this course. Requests after this deadline will be at the school and/or coach’s expense.
- Click Complete Purchase (there should not be a charge unless you are purchasing other videos)

Coaches must upload their certificate of completion to their Aktivite account for the Assistant Principal for Administration to approve prior to coaching (paid and volunteer coaches). Certificates are valid for 4 years per the FHSAA.

NFHS Football Tackling Course

All Football Coaches are required to view the online course titled, “*NFHS Football Tackling Course*”. Follow the instructions below to view the course.

- Go to www.nfhslearn.com
- Use login and password originally created or create one
- Click on “Courses”
- Select “*Football Tackling*” (the video is free)
- Select Florida as your state
- Click Order Course
- Click Complete Purchase (there should not be a charge unless you are purchasing other videos)

Coaches must upload their certificate of completion to their Aktivite account for the Assistant Principal for Administration to approve prior to coaching (paid and volunteer coaches). This course must be viewed every 4 years per the FHSAA.