



## Oregon School Activities Association

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**TO:** Athletic Directors  
**FROM:** Cindy Simmons, Assistant Executive Director  
**RE:** Certified Coach Requirements and the "Guest" Coach; Alumni Practicing

**OSAA Rule 1.2** states that "the high school principal shall be held accountable for verifying that athletic directors and coaches of all sports sanctioned by OSAA, plus Cheerleading and Dance/Drill, have been certified in the following areas prior to assuming duties as an athletic director or coach." See [Executive Board Policies, "Certification – Athletic Directors and Coaches"](#) for additional information.

**Q&A #4** under Rule 1 states:

Q. Must a "guest" coach be certified?

A. No, but if the coach has contact with students more than three times in a sport season, the coach shall no longer be considered a "guest" and must be certified.

The "guest" coach appearance is intended to allow coaches to bring in a clinician(s) for instruction only during the season without him/her having to be certified. This allowance is NOT intended to allow coaches to bring in "guest" coaches/players/alumni to participate in practices/drills/scrimmages against his/her team or individuals. As always, if this does occur, it will be considered a violation of OSAA rules.

**Alumni Reminder:** Any alumni who may be home during the upcoming holiday season, or any other time, must be an approved coach from the beginning of the season in order to practice with your team. It is considered a circumvention of the rule and a violation to have alumni approved as coaches only during the time they are home for vacation/break.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions. Thank you.

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