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FYI - Protecting students from abuse course - ASAA Coach Cert.

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Dear Administrators,

During its February meeting, the ASAA Board of Directors approved an amendment to the Qualification of Coaches and Advisors bylaw. Effective July 1, 2025, all coaches and advisors will be required to complete the "Protecting Students from Abuse" course offered through NFHSLearn.com. This training joins the list of mandatory courses already required for individuals who supervise students in interscholastic athletic or activity programs.

As with other requirements, ASAA will accept equivalency courses upon review and approval. Coaches or advisors who believe they have completed comparable training may submit documentation to ASAA for evaluation. To ensure compliance and avoid delays at the start of the upcoming school year, we encourage schools to have their coaches and advisors complete the "Protecting Students from Abuse" course before the end of this academic year.

A copy of the updated bylaw language is attached for your reference. If you have any questions about this requirement or the review process for equivalency, please contact our office.

Thank you for your continued partnership in providing a safe and supportive environment for Alaska's students.

Billy Strickland, Executive Director

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