



#### **Rationale**

B.C. School Sports (BCSS) Competitive Policies and Procedures Section 6.2.5 and the greater Victoria Junior Secondary School Athletic Association (GVJSSA)/Lower Vancouver Island Secondary School Athletic Association (LVISSAA) Constitution and Regulation Section 5:IX-5.1 states that school teams must be accompanied by a teacher-coach, teacher-sponsor, administrator or responsible adult approved by the Principal. While this affects St. Andrew's Regional High School directly, there are sound reasons for applying the same criteria to elementary schools.

#### **Policy**

The Board of Directors recognizes the value of organized athletic competition between schools. Each ICS School will endeavor to provide all school teams with either a teacher-coach or teacher-sponsor. If it is not possible to have a school team(s) coached or sponsored by a teacher, the Principal may approve a responsible adult who is not a teacher to coach a school team(s) in accordance with the attendant regulation

#### **Regulation**

The purpose of this regulation is to provide guidelines and a process in the event that it is necessary to have a school team coached by a volunteer from the community. Each Local School Council understands that community coaches are integral to the school sport system and are necessary to ensure opportunities for student athletes.

1. It is recommended that the prospective community coach have completed a minimum of Level One Theory of the National Coaching Certification Program.
2. The Principal and athletic director (applies only to those schools who have athletic directors) will meet with each prospective community coach to discuss the school athletic policy, program goals and objectives as well as the BCSS Coach's Code of Conduct and procedures.
3. The Principal will ensure that a teacher or staff member employed by CISDV will travel with a school team on any trip that requires an overnight stay.
4. The Principal must request and check at least two references for each prospective community coach and ensure completion of a Criminal Record Search prior to commencing any coaching activity.
5. The Principal will review the community coach's suitability with the Athletic Director (if applicable) at least twice during the season of play.
6. If the Principal deems the community coach not to be suitable, the coach will



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be relieved of all coaching duties immediately.

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Cross-reference: Volunteer Policy 428	Date(s) Revised: September 2007