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NFHS, NSCAA Partner to Create Soccer Coaching Course

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (August 5, 2008) — The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) have formed a partnership to create a soccer-specific coach education course.

The course, titled **Fundamentals of Coaching Soccer**, is an online, interactive course designed to train coaches how to teach the specific skills of soccer. It will use videos and graphics to demonstrate the proper techniques players use to become better soccer competitors.

The course will include an online center that offers access to many resources that are beneficial to teacher/coaches as they prepare for practices and contests.

“The National Soccer Coaches Association of America is proud to be working with the NFHS in the development of this dynamic online learning opportunity for high school soccer coaches,” said Jim Sheldon, NSCAA executive director. “It will

undoubtedly be a huge benefit to the high school coaching community, a key component of soccer's future in this country."

The course is planned to launch in fall 2009 and will cost \$50. Fundamentals of Coaching Soccer will be easily accessible on www.nfhslearn.com, on the home page and under "Available Courses."

"This partnership with the NSCAA ensures that interscholastic coaches will be properly trained in coaching soccer fundamentals," said Robert F. Kanaby, NFHS executive director. "It also sends an important message to the soccer community that the NSCAA and the NFHS are united in providing training to coaches in education-based athletics."

The NFHS will be developing other sport-specific courses as a part of the NFHS Coach Education Program to complement its signature course, **Fundamentals of Coaching**. More than 25,000 courses have been delivered in two formats – online and blended – since the program's inception in January 2007.

For more information regarding Fundamentals of Coaching Soccer, visit www.nfhslearn.com.

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About the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)

The NFHS, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the national leadership organization for high school sports and fine arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and fine arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. The NFHS sets direction for the future by building awareness and support, improving the participation experience, establishing consistent standards and Rules for competition, and helping those who oversee high school sports and activities. The NFHS writes playing Rules for 17 sports for boys and girls at the high school level. Through its 50 member state associations and the District of Columbia, the NFHS reaches more than 18,500 high schools and 11 million participants in high school activity programs, including more

than 7 million in high school sports. As the recognized national authority on interscholastic activity programs, the NFHS conducts national meetings; sanctions interstate events; produces publications for high school coaches, officials and athletic directors; sponsors professional organizations for high school coaches, officials, spirit coaches, speech and debate coaches and music adjudicators; serves as the national source for interscholastic coach training; and serves as a national information resource of interscholastic athletics and activities. For more information, visit the NFHS Web site at www.nfhs.org.

About the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA)

Based in Kansas City, Kansas, the NSCAA is the largest coaches' organization in the United States. Since its founding in 1941, it has grown to include more than 26,000 members who coach both genders at all levels of the sport. In addition to a national rankings program for colleges and high schools, NSCAA offers an extensive recognition program that presents nearly 10,000 individual awards every year. It fulfills its mission of coaching education through a nationwide program of clinics and week-long courses, teaching more than 4,000 soccer coaches each year. For more information, visit the NSCAA Web site at www.nscaa.com.

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