COMMON COURSE OUTLINE: Course discipline/number/title: PHED 2261: Officiating Principles

A. CATALOG DESCRIPTION
1. Credits: 3
2. Hours/Week: 3
3. Prerequisites (Course discipline/number): Physical Education major, Sport Management major, Coaching Diploma major, Recreation major or consent of instructor. College Level Reading.
4. Co-requisites (Course discipline/number): None
5. MnTC Goals (if any): NA

This course will provide a basic foundation for the professionalism required to become a sports official. Topics covered include the development of philosophy of the game, personal styles legalities and professional ethics. Other areas explored include the process for continuing education opportunities, networking, recognizing the need for developing technique and the application of conflict resolution while applying the rules of the game to provide fair competition and meaningful participation in events for student-athletes, coaches, spectators and officials.

B. DATE LAST REVISED (Month, year): April, 2009

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:
1. Developing an officiating philosophy and style
2. Ethics
3. How to set and achieve professional goals
4. Effective interpersonal skills
5. Developing decision-making skills
6. Effective conflict management
7. Professionalism
8. Legal Aspects

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (GENERAL): The student will be able to:
1. Explain your legal responsibilities, legal rights, and business responsibilities.
2. Effectively communicate with other officials, coaches, and athletes.
3. Work effectively with local and regional associations.
4. Manage their officiating career goals.
5. Explain the principles of personal fitness.

E. LEARNING OUTCOMES (MNTC): NA

F. METHODS FOR EVALUATION OF STUDENT LEARNING:
1. Class Participation
2. Group Discussion
3. Completion of Daily Class Assignments
4. Quizzes/Exams
5. Written Evaluations
6. Analysis of Officiating Methodologies
7. Evaluations of Practical Observations
8. Field Experiences to observe game situations/shadow a currently registered official – Journal/Write Observation Paper

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION (if any):
1. This course is a requirement by the Minnesota State High School League for new officials. Completion of this course will satisfy the MSHSL requirement should any student completing this course choose to officiate any interscholastic sport in the State of Minnesota.

2. The NFHS Officiating Principles course is an NFHS Officials Education Program course, developed by the American Sport Education Program in conjunction with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).
G. SPECIAL INFORMATION (if any): Continued...

3. The completion of this course requires the completion of the national certifying ASEP exam. This allows the individual to be recognized nationally for meeting the initial criteria for officiating in any state. The minimum passing criteria is 80%. At completion of this national standard the individual is then included on the ASEP national officials registry. There is no fee to complete the certification exam.

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