1. **Purpose**

The Purpose of the National High School Athletic Coaches is to provide instruction and training to high school and middle school coaches in the United States in order to develop the capabilities of new coaches and to improve the capabilities of veteran coaches. The NHSACA has identified three primary areas of focus to accomplish our purpose:

**Educate**

Our educational focus is dedicated to more than X’s and O’s. We see coaches as leaders – leaders who are role models to America’s youth. We offer graduate college credit programs in Coaching Leadership. Specific Sports Clinics, Educational Links on the NHSACA website, reduced rates for professional publications, as well as others to help you stay current with today’s important issues.

**Recognize**

We recognize coaches not just for a season of coaching, but for their “lifetime achievements.” The NHSACA Coach of the Year awards are the most prestigious awards given to high school coaches in America. Some 152 coaches earn the “National Spotlight” each June at our Annual Convention. The NHSACA also recognizes numerous coaches each year during the national convention through induction into the NHSACA National Hall of Fame. The NHSACA provides the Distinguished Service Award to state association each year to honor and recognize coaches for their contributions to high school athletics.

**Support**

Due to our National scope, we are able to provide many areas of support for our members, including contact with other professionals in high school athletics. We also have a National voice in important issues facing America’s High School Coaches and their athletes.

1. **Functions and Activities**

**Annual NHSACA National Convention**

The annual national convention is conducted by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association (NHSACA) Board of Directors, under the leadership of the NHSACA Executive Director. This national convention is normally conducted in June of each year over a five-day period.

The NHSACA does not hold the national convention at a permanent site, rather, we move the convention each year to a new city, state and hotel and/or convention center. The NHSACA does this in order to provide coaches from states across the nation the chance to attend the clinic in a location convenient for them.

The convention furthers our exempt status by providing classes, speakers, seminars, recognition events, meetings and discussions with recognized experts in the fields of high school athletics and education to the high school and middle school coaches in attendance.

The funding source for the national convention is gross receipts from admission (convention fees for registrants) and services performed during the convention (meals, educational materials and equipment rental).

**NHSACA Website**

The NHSACA website is found at: [www.nhsaca.org](http://www.nhsaca.org) and is an educational, informational and marketing activity for the NHSACA to support high school coaches and athletic directors across the United States. This website is managed by the Executive Director and is available the entire year.

This website provides coaches with:

* Educational resources
* Products at discounted prices to coaches
* Links to educational sites, state coaches associations, other sport associations
* Information on the NHSACA, NHSACA awards and the NHSACA national convention

**Executive Committee Meetings**

Executive Committee meetings are conducted under the direction of the NHSACA president and executive director and include the members of the executive committee.

The executive committee meets numerous times during the year. Regular meetings of the executive committee take place during the national convention as well as a fall meeting and a spring meeting. The executive committee will also hold special meetings throughout the year. Zoom Meetings is used when possible to save travel and expense for the executive committee members.

The executive committee plans the national convention and carries on the business of the NHSACA Board of Directors when the Board of Directors meeting is not in session. The Board of Directors are only in session during the national convention.

The executive committee meetings further the NHSACA’s exempt status as the members of the executive committee plan the national convention and control the activities of the NHSACA.

**Meetings of the Board of Directors**

There are four meetings of the NHSACA Board of Directors. These meetings are held in conjunction with the national convention under the leadership of the NHSACA president and executive director. The meetings of the Board of Directors furthers the NHSACA’s exempt status as they organize the activities of the NHSACA.