NWANA License and Certification Information

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What is the difference between a course, certification, and license?

A course is an educational program. A certification confirms successful completion of specified education and assessments. A license is a separate NWANA authorization connected with a defined role, category, level, or scope. Completing a course or receiving a certificate does not automatically activate a license.

What types of licenses does NWANA provide?

NWANA's licensing system includes several separate areas: Athlete Licenses for competitive participation when required; Professional Licenses for instructors, coaches, judges, Race Directors, and Competition Technical Officials; and a voluntary Individual License for members who choose to hold one. Joining an NW Group is free and separate from licensing. Each license has its own purpose, eligibility requirements, scope, term, and activation process.

Where can I find Athlete Licenses?

Athlete Licenses are available through license.nwaofna.org. An Athlete License is required only when the rules for a particular competition expressly require one.

Is an NW Groups Individual License an Athlete License?

No. The Individual License is a voluntary NWANA license, separate from Athlete Licenses. Joining an NW Group is free and requires no license. If an Athlete License is required for a particular competition, it is obtained separately through the NWANA athlete licensing website.

Does completing professional education guarantee a license?

No. Course completion and licensing are separate. After completing the required education, an applicant must satisfy the applicable eligibility, verification, practical, and license-activation requirements.