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# Minimum Coaching License Requirements

### ALABAMA

Div 3 Play (U9-U18) --- Youth Module 2

Div 2 Play --- E license

Div 1 Play --- D license

We allow for a one yr waiver on coaches not holding the minimum standard

Under 8 Recreational - YM1

Under 10 and 12 Rec - YM2

Under 12 and Younger Div 3 (Rec/ Rec +) - YM2

Under 14 and younger Div 2 - E License

Under 13 and older Div 1 - D License

Scott Spencer - Director of Coaching

### ALASKA

Currently AYSA has no minimum license standards.

Frank Trovato, M.Ed. - State Director of Coaching

### ARIZONA

Arizona currently does not have minimum standards/requirements for coaching license. I have spoken to Rick [state president] to establish a mandatory E for all coaches or even Youth Modules certifications. He agrees that we need to establish this. We are working to this...it will take some time. I will let you know of any progress.

Rafael Rios - Director of Coaching Education

### ARKANSAS

Coaching Certification

8.9.1 Minimum requirements are listed below; however, each coach is strongly encouraged to pursue more advanced training for his/her benefit, as well as the benefit of the children under his/her care.

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Level 2 recreational coach: "E" License

Level 3 classic or all-star coach: "D" License

Level 1 recreational coach: level 1, level 2, level 3 highly recommended.

Julian Owen - Director of Coaching

### CALIFORNIA NORTH

At this time, CYSA does not have any requirements for coaching licenses. Many of our districts and leagues do have requirements for the competitive coaches (anywhere from an E license to a National D). The CYSA Coaching Committee has started to discuss requiring licenses for our coaches.

Tori Drueckhammer - CYSA Programs Coordinator

### CALIFORNIA SOUTH

#### Youth Module One, Two or Three

Mandatory for all recreational coaches to clear level A risk management and coach E License

Mandatory for all Competitive coaches to clear level A risk management and coach D License

Strongly recommended for coaches working with players age 15 and older

Steve Hoffman - Director of Player Development and Coaches Education

### COLORADO

We currently have no requirements for the State of Colorado.

Les McPherson, President

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## CONNECTICUT

Conn. does not have license requirements. Many of our clubs will have minimums. This is something I will be working on as I mesh with the DOC job here.

Jim Lennox - Director of Coaching

## DELAWARE

Delaware is requiring of traveling team coaches at U12 and above: head coach a D (or higher) and the assistant an E (or higher). The DOC can substitute an equivalent.

Lew Atkinson - Director of Coaching

## FLORIDA

We have no minimum licensing requirements.

Mike Strickler - Director of Coaching

## GEORGIA

In GA we have mandatory licenses for all coaches, from recreation to select.

The minimum license is age/level specific:

G license for U-6/U-8

F license for U-10/U-12 recreation

E license for U-10+ intermediate select

D license for select coaches top two divisions in each age group.

Jacob Daniel - Director of Coaching

## HAWAII

We are now developing cards that the coaches must wear to coach. The minimum license required is the E. Since requiring mandatory licensing three years ago we have phased in the enforcement. Our goal is that all coaches have a minimum of an E.

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license and that our competitive coaches pursue a State or National D. These licenses are required by our coaches in 2004:

Course / Age-Division / License / Hours / Cost:

U6/U8 Youth Module 1 (3.5) \$25.

U10/U12 Youth Module 2 (3.5) \$25.

U12 HYSAS State Coaching License (9) \$35.

U13-U14 'E' License (18) \$65.

\*U15 & Up 'D' License (36) \$125.

(additional phase in time for coaches)

George Kuntz - Technical Director / Director of Coaching Education

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## *IDAHO*

<b>TEAM AGE</b>	<b>LICENSE LEVEL</b>
U6 - U7 - U8	Youth Module <b>LEVEL I</b>
U9 & U10	Youth Module <b>LEVEL II</b>
U11 & U12	"E" or Nat'l Youth
U13-15 League Level	State "D"
U13-15 Competitive/Select Level	Nat'l "D"
U16-19 League Level	State "D"
U16-19 Competitive/Select Level	<b>National C</b>
State Instructors State ODP Asst. Coach Comp. Team Head Coaches (U16+)	<b>National B</b>
National Teams/Staff Regional ODP Coaches State DOC State ODP Head Coach Club Team Head Coach / Club DOC	<b>National A</b>

Dave Chesler - Director of Coaching

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## ILLINOIS

The competitive leagues in Illinois all require Mandatory licensing based on the age of the Team being coached. This helps to provide continuing education for our coaches up to the 'D' License level. We are investigating continuing education formats for our 'D' level coaches who are not looking to coach beyond that license level. For our recreational programs we offer the 'G' clinic and group based fees for the Youth Modules as well as Positive Coaching and in house produced Coaching Manuals and CD ROM's.

Ian Mulliner - Director of Coaching

## INDIANA

### Minimum Coaching Standards

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004 Indiana Youth Soccer's Board of Directors approved to a motion approving minimum coaching standards policies and procedures. Beginning in the spring of 2006, the INDIANA YOUTH SOCCER will phase in minimum coaching standards for all INDIANA YOUTH SOCCER registered coaches.

Age(s)	USFF	NSCAA Equivalent	AYSO Equivalent	By When
*Club Directors of Coaching	Travel (Premier and 1 <sup>st</sup> Division) USSFC License	NSCAA Travel National Diploma	None	Travel Spring 2006
	Recreation/Rec-Plus National Youth License	Recreation/Rec-Plus National Youth Diploma		Recreation/Rec-Plus Spring 2007

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<p>U15 and up</p>	<p>Travel (Premier and 1<sup>st</sup> Division) USSF State D</p> <p>Travel (Divisions other than Premier and 1<sup>st</sup>) USSFE</p> <p>Recreation/Rec-Plus USSF "F" or Indiana Youth Soccer Youth Technical Course</p>	<p>Travel NSCAA Advanced Regional Diploma</p> <p>Recreation/Rec-Plus NSCAA Regional Diploma</p>	<p>Recreation/Rec-Plus AYSO Advanced</p>	<p>Travel Spring 2006</p> <p>Recreation/Rec-Plus Spring 2007</p>
<p>U13/14</p>	<p>Travel (Premier and 1<sup>st</sup> Division) USSFE</p> <p>Travel (Divisions other than Premier and 1<sup>st</sup>) USSF "F" or Indiana Youth Soccer Youth Technical Course</p> <p>Recreational/Rec-Plus USSF "F" or Indiana Youth Soccer Youth Technical Course</p>	<p>Travel NSCAA Regional Diploma</p> <p>Recreation/Rec-Plus NSCAA Regional Diploma</p>	<p>Travel, Recreation/Rec-Plus AYSO Advanced</p>	<p>Travel Fall 2006</p> <p>Recreation/Rec-Plus Fall 2007</p>

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U11/12	Travel USSF "F" or Indiana Youth Soccer Youth Technical Course  Recreation/Rec-Plus Youth Module 2	Travel NSCAA Regional Diploma  Recreation/Rec-Plus NSCAA State Diploma	Travel AYSO Advanced	Travel Fall 2006  Recreation/Rec-Plus Spring 2008
U9/10	Travel USSF "F" or Indiana Youth Soccer Youth Technical Course  Recreation/Rec-Plus Youth Module 2	Travel NSCAA State Diploma  Recreation/Rec-Plus NSCAA State Diploma	Recreation/Rec-Plus AYSO Youth U-10 Coaching Course	Travel Fall 2006  Recreation/Rec-Plus Spring 2008
U7/8	Recreation Youth Module 1	Recreation NSCAA State Diploma	Recreation AYSO Youth U-8 Coaching Course	Spring 2008
U5/6	Recreation Youth Module 1	Recreation NSCAA State Diploma	Recreation AYSO Youth U-6 Coaching Course	Spring 2008

\* Club Director of Coaching-A club director of coaching is defined as an individual coach who is directly involved with the hiring and/or releasing of coaches for the club, A club director of coaching is also in charge of the education of coaches, players, and parents. A club director of coaching is an individual who writes policies and/or manuals for the club in relation to coach, player, and team development.

The table above is what will be a minimum for all coaches. It is recommended though that each coach attempts to exceed these minimum standards.

Below is what is recommended for each coach to try and obtain after the minimum is reached:

- Recreation/Travel Coaches U9-U12-Recommended E Certificate
- Recreation Coaches U13-U14-Recommended D License

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- Travel Coaches U13-U14-Recommended D, C License
- Recreation Coaches U15 and up-Recommended D License
- Travel Coaches U15 and up-Recommended D, C, B, or A License

Vince Ganzberg - Director of Coaching and Player Development

### IOWA

Iowa has no minimum licensing requirements.

Ian Bradley - State Director of Coaching

### KANSAS

The state of Kansas has no minimum requirement for coaching except for one league in Wichita that requires a Minimum of the "Y" Modules or "F" Badge.

Rob Herringer - State Director of Coaching

### KENTUCKY

THE KENTUCKY YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM COACHING EDUCATION STANDARDS FOR THE COACHES THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF KENTUCKY:

All U6 & U8 Coaches - U6 & U8 Youth Coaching Module

All U10 & U12 Coaches - U10 & U12 Youth Coaching Module

All coaches coaching recreational-registered teams U13 and above - USSF "E" Coaching Certificate or NSCAA Regional Diploma

All coaches coaching competitive-registered teams U13 and above - USSF "D" Coaching Certificate or NSCAA National Diploma

All Directors of Coaching overseeing the development of players aged 12 and below - U.S. Soccer National Youth Coaching License

All Directors of Coaching overseeing the development of players aged 13 and above - U.S. Soccer National "A" License or NSCAA Premier Diploma

Fran Kulas - State Director of Coach and Player Development

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## LOUISIANA

In Louisiana Policy 311-2c reads: All coaches must hold at least a Youth Module certificate. All coaches of teams participating in the Premier League must have a USSF "D" license, National Youth License, NSCAA national diploma or equivalent as approved by LSA. Coaches have one year from when they register as a team coach to meet the coaching certification. No more requirements.

Luis Sabillon - Director of Coaching

## MAINE

Here are the requirements in Maine.

1. U10 youth module required for coaches of U10 teams regardless of other licenses held up to and including an 'A'.
2. 'E' License required for coaches of U11, U12, U13, and U14 teams.
3. 'D' License required for coaches of premier teams that are U14 or older.

Andy Biggs - Director of Coaching

## MARYLAND

We encourage all clubs to educate their coaches & parents to the needs of the children & the sport. A number of clubs do make it compulsory but that's their choice. I prefer education & encouragement to inventing rules. Remember nearly 100% of them are volunteers not paid. Also you change the dynamic of the relationship when more and more rules enter the picture. Unfortunately we are good at that. I think there are too many pieces of paper telling well meaning parents what & when to do it. I worry about it, as the biggest problem is not organization but the spread of it.

Graham Ramsay - Director of Coaching

## MASSACHUSETTS

Mass has no requirements, though some towns are beginning to make requirements with our suggestion.

Mike Singleton - State Head Coach & Director of Coaching

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### MICHIGAN

In Michigan the minimum coaching license requirement only applies to our Premier State League (MSPSP). The minimum license to coach in our Premier Program is a D. We however make the E course a mandatory prerequisite. Michigan has discontinued "testing out" of E courses.

Don Gemmell - Director of Coaching

### MINNESOTA

Minnesota does not require a minimum coaching license. The individual clubs recognize the value of these courses and therefore are requiring a minimum certification/license at the club level.

John Curtis - Associate Director of Coaching

### MISSISSIPPI

Standardized coaching levels across the board; level 1 2 3 coaches are highly recommended to have the appropriate license; Challenge teams coaches (E); Division 1 (D) and ODP a (C) or coaching at the college level. This will become policy in Mississippi in 05.

Mark Gibbs - Director of Coaching

### MISSOURI

Missouri has the same as New Jersey license requirements.

Denny Vaninger - Director of Coaching

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## MONTANA

U6 - U10 There are no requirements. A Youth Module recommended.

U11 - U18 Competitive an E license is required. Coaches have two years to meet requirements.

U14 - U18 D License is strongly recommended.

Ric Plante - Director of Coaching

## NEBRASKA

Currently, Nebraska has no licensing requirements

Mike Cullina - Director of Coaching

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

For coaches receiving their license after January 1, 2006. - Previously licensed coaches will be "Grandfathered" using the previous standards. For competitive teams only:

Age Group Certificate Required

U10 U10/U12 YM or National 'Y'

U12 U10/U12 YM or National 'Y'

U13/U14 'E' or 'D' or National 'C', 'B', 'A'

U15+ 'D' or National 'C', 'B', 'A'

Mark Ruest - NHSADirector of Coaching

## NEW JERSEY

NJYS has a policy that all coaches/trainers must have a **minimum** of a NJYS "F" License to coach a "Travel" team—one playing in a NJYS affiliated league.

Your team manager probably knows that before your team is allowed to play in a NJYS sanctioned league, all Player and Coaches' Passes, and your team roster form, (which includes the name of all the coaches) must be validated by a NJYS District Commissioner (DC) assigned to your area. Every coach listed on the

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roster of the respective team must have a current Coaches Pass OR present a copy of a USSF/NJYS License Certificate to the DC at the time the roster is being validated. If all paperwork is approved, the DC will then stamp your new Coaches' Pass as validated for the season. So if something were to happen while you were performing your duties as the team coach, you would be covered under NJYS General Liability Insurance Policy.

NJYS has adopted this requirement in regard to the Standards for Safety Orientation for Volunteer Youth Coaches in New Jersey ("The Little League Law"). Basically this doesn't protect anyone from being named in a lawsuit, but it is certification that will protect you in a court of law from being held liable for an allegation that was made against you of negligence or other, while performing your responsibilities as a youth coach. Obviously it will not provide 100% protection/immunity--such as in the case of gross negligence, but it has been documented that it will stand up in a court of law in New Jersey. Think of it as the cheapest insurance policy one will ever buy. The cost of taking an "F" License is \$30.00.

A coach with a background of playing and/or coaching experience/education can apply for a waiver of the "F" License to take an "E" License OR those meeting the criteria can waive the 6 hour practical segment of the "F" License and just complete the first 3 hours (satisfies the minimum "Little League Law" standards). The cost for filing a waiver is \$15.00 and you can find out about the criteria and download a form from our website at [www.njyouthsoccer.com](http://www.njyouthsoccer.com). The waiver is NOT a license a course must be taken.

Since you are not going to be a volunteer, the NJYS "F" License requirement or the "Little League Law" does not pertain to your situation. You will need to come into our office and fill out a Non-Volunteer Disclosure Form, bring copies of all your Coaching Ed. Diplomas etc., a passport size picture, and a check for \$200.00 (made payable to NJYS). At that time you will be given a Coaches Pass and it will be validated for the period of one year.

Enrique (Rick) L. Meana - Director of Coaching

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## NEWMEXICO

At this point New Mexico Youth Soccer Association has no minimum requirements for coaching education.

John Madding - Director of Coaching and Education

## NEWYORK - EAST

In ENY there are no set standards, each league within the state has their own requirements. The only program under state supervision that has coaching guidelines is the ODP program.

Alfonso Mondelo - Director of Coaching

## NEWYORK - WEST

Like many other states we are also at the mercy of the respective leagues [9 of them] within our state, however we recommend and I am pleased to say that many Clubs and /or associations are requiring education based on the following that New York State West recommends.

U6 through U11            Youth Modules.

U11 through U13        E Certification

U14 through U19        D License.

All premiere and "elite" Travel coaches we strongly recommend a C or above. The upstate Premiere league has a minimum D assistant and C head coach requirement. The Rochester District league is about to propose a mandatory E certification.

Glen Buckley - Director of Coaching

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### NORTH CAROLINA

In North Carolina we do not have any minimum requirements set by NCYSA. It is up to the individual association (club) to decide what level of license is needed to coach a particular age group or competition level. NCYSA does recommend coaching education but it is not mandated.

Bill Furjanic - Director of Coaching

### NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota (NDYSA) does not have a minimum coaching license for recreational club coaches, however, we do encourage the clubs to have their coaches go through the Youth modules I, II, III. We are finding the clubs and their coaches want more than just the youth modules, therefore, we have brought back the "F" coaches license, as they are looking for more tactical and skill training. As for our competitive or travel clubs, we do require a minimum of an "E" coaches license, which the clubs have supported and are in fact encouraging their coaches to get their "D" and "C" licenses.

Ken Zetocha - Chairman, Coaches Committee

### OHIO - NORTH

We are still at the mercy of our respective leagues! The annual pleading is appreciated, but there are very few leagues that actually deny coaching privileges without a valid license. The OYSAN recommendations are age-based: U-9/12 Module (6v6 and 8v8) or "D" license (11-a-side) for all competitive coaches.

Thomas W. Turner, Ph.D. - Director of Coaching and Player Development

### OHIO - SOUTH

OSYSA does not require coaches to have a license however each league does have some or no requirements. In the leagues that do have a requirement the minimum is an F license (9 Hour course) and if the coach is coaching select players an E

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License is required. Some clubs have minimum requirements again it is not required by OSYSA it is their choice. Listed below is our waiver policy:

## Coaching Education and Policy on Waivers

Many leagues and associations throughout the state have begun to develop standards and requirements for coaching at different levels. The following is an explanation of the waiver policy and how to obtain consideration for a waiver:

### What is a waiver?

Depending upon the level of practical experience of playing and coaching it is possible to enroll in the state coaching education program (licenses) beyond the entry level. A waiver determines at what point in the coaching education programs that an individual may begin. Obtaining a waiver does not grant an individual a license. It merely determines where the individual coach will begin in the coaching education programs.

### What is evaluated in obtaining a waiver?

There areas are considered:

Prior formal playing experience. These include club as a youth player, state, regional or U.S. national team, varsity/collegiate participation, USISL, A-League or Major League Soccer (MLS). Individuals who have played professionally in other countries or have been selected for and played for another national team will also be granted the same consideration. Copies of professional contractual agreements, photographs, or letters from national federations will be required to substantiate and prove claims. Prior coaching experience. The age group of players that the coach is working with. If an individual has earned a coaching certificate/license from a foreign national association (for example, Scottish FA, Dutch FA, etc.) it may be equivocated in order to determine where a coach will enter the coaching programs. Equivocating a foreign certificate/license does not award a state or national license. It is recommended that coaches who have received certificates from foreign associations attend a state or national coaching course in the U.S. within one year.

Brett Thompson - Director of Coaching

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## OKLAHOMA

Age Group	Coaching License Requirement
U5 - U8	Youth Module Level I - U6/U8 or approved in house training
U9 & U10	Youth Module Level II - U10 or approved in house training
U11 & up - Non-Oklahoma Premier League	E Certificate
U11 & up - Oklahoma Premier League	State D License

### Coaching License Requirement Policies

- All OSA issued certificates/licenses are lifetime certifications/licenses.
- All Coaches will have 365 days; from the day they begin coaching a particular age group, to obtain proper certification.
- These requirements will go into affect ~~8-1-03~~. All current coaches will have 365 days for this date to obtain their appropriate certification.
- Clubs and/or associations will be encouraged to host in-house clinics/workshops for their U5-U10 coaches.
- License requirements apply to the following coaches:
  - U5 - U10: Head coaches only
  - U11 & up - Non-Oklahoma Premier League: Head coaches only
  - U11 & up - Oklahoma Premier League: Head coaches, assistant coaches, and trainers
- There are no prerequisite certifications for the Youth Module Courses. These courses are open to anybody older than 14.
- There is no prerequisite certification for the 'E' certificate course. This course is open to anybody older than 16.
- Prerequisites certification for the 'D' license course are:
  - Minimum age of 18 years old
  - 'E' certificate, held for at least one season or six months
 Or
  - A 'E' certificate wavier
- For Youth Modules Level I and II certificates there are no course waivers. However, an OSA 'F' certificate issued between 1998 and 2001 or a United States Soccer Federation national license ('A', 'B', 'C' or 'Y') or equivalent serves as acceptable

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- certification. The 'E' or 'D' certificate and 'D' license (State or National) are not acceptable certification substitutes for this requirement.
- For an 'E' certificate, a 'D' Certificate, a 'D' License or a United States Soccer Federation national 'A', 'B', or 'C' license or equivalent serves as acceptable certification.
  - For a 'D' license, a United States Soccer Federation national 'A', 'B', or 'C' license or equivalent serves as acceptable certification.
  - All Youth Module courses are pass/fail based on attendance.
  - The 'E' certificate course is pass/fail based on attendance and completion of course work.
  - The 'D' license course is an evaluated course. Attendance is required and coaches are evaluated on written exams, video exams, and a practical coaching session.
  - All clubs must enforce the coaching license requirements within their own organization.
  - Proof appropriate license will be required for participation at all Oklahoma Soccer Association State Tournaments or Festivals, i.e. Tide Cup, Chevy Cup, and State Open.

Recommendation would be for any coach working with U14 or older players to have at least a state 'D' license for non-Oklahoma Premier League teams and at least a USSF 'C' of Oklahoma Premier League teams

Peter McGahey - Director of Coaching

## OREGON

Oregon Youth Soccer Association does not mandate that their coaches hold a license for any age group. We do however encourage our coaches to seek Certificates and Licenses for their specific level of coaching. We also strongly support our coaches in continuing education. Oregon hosted a National C License Course in March 2004 and had 28 attendees. For the National and State D license we have between 60 and 80 coaches participate each year. The E License numbers for 2003 were 150 coaches and some of our clubs still ask for the F License, which over the past 3 years has provided 130 coaches a license. The Youth Module courses have totaled out over 700 coaches with certificates in just 2 years. Oregon also runs 2-hour clinics for players and coaches. The costs for our licenses are as follows:

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D License	\$125 per coach
E License	\$550 per Host Club
F License	\$350 per Host Club
Youth Module	\$250 per Host Club

Jimmy Conway - Director of Coaching and Player Development

### PENNSYLVANIA EAST

Currently the only requirement EPYSA has is ODP coaches must have a National License and all head coaches must have their "A". A few clubs have set up mandatory licensing.

Mike Barr - Director of Coaching

### PENNSYLVANIA WEST

As of this day we don't have any implemented or proposed requirements for minimum coaching licenses must be held.

Paul Halford - Director of Coaching

### SOUTH CAROLINA

SCYSA has adopted a minimum mandatory coaching education requirement.

U6-U12 Recreational Minimum Youth Module

U12 above recreational Minimum E Certification

U12 above Classic/Challenge Minimum D License

Van Taylor - Director of Coaching

### SOUTH DAKOTA

The only requirement in place in South Dakota at this time is that high school varsity coaches must have a D-License or be making progress toward it.

Ronnie Theisz - Director of Coaching

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## TENNESSEE

In TN we have the following:

Division 1 head coaches must have a "C" license or higher, assistant must have a "D"

Division 2 head coaches must have a "D" license; assistants must have an "E"

Division 3 head coaches must have an "E" license.

Curtis Blair - Director of Coaching and Player Development

## TEXAS-NORTH

G License mandatory for all U6, U8 coaches.

D License mandatory for all competitive coaches

Gary Williamson - Director of Coaching

## TEXAS-SOUTH

3.1.16. REGISTERED COACH means an individual who has submitted, if required, the background check to the background check vendor, the requisite information and received an email confirmation from the vendor, and whose background check has not been rejected, or who has successfully completed at least a State "G" Coaching Certificate prior to 10/1/99, or has successfully completed an Age Appropriate Module License course (Under-6/8, Under-10 or Under-12) after 10/1/99, or has received approval from the STYSA Director of Coaching for equivalent licensure. This licensure must be completed within one year after the date the individual begins to coach. Only registered, eligible coaches are allowed to participate in STYSA- sanctioned events.

James Clarkson - Director of Coaching

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## UTAH

Utah requires (Bylaw) a D License to coach in our State's Competition Program U11-U19 all divisions. Some Districts require the E License or State Youth Module for District League Programs.

Greg Maas - Technical Director

## VERMONT

In Vermont we are encouraging every coach to attend an introductory coaching course; however, it is not mandatory. It has been discussed at the board level, but has gone no further than 'discussion'. Maybe more to follow!

David Seward - Director of Coaching

## VIRGINIA

We have a multitude of leagues in the VYSA and even some such as the NCSL and WAGS that encompass two different states as well as the District of Columbia. We don't have a state run league. Therefore, the individual leagues have always set the minimum coaching standards themselves. Some have minimum standards while others do not.

Gordie Miller - Technical Director

## WASHINGTON

WSYSA has no minimum requirements for coaching licenses. We have provided recommendations but have not been made mandatory at this time.

Dave Schumacher - Director of Coaching

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## WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia Soccer Association does not have a minimum coaching license requirement at the moment, although some clubs are encouraging their coaches to attend state license courses.

Bryan Mogford - Director of Coaching

## WISCONSIN

Effective August 2003

Any person coaching a U10 and younger teams are required to have, at minimum, a "G" level-coaching certificate.

Any person coaching an U11-U14 competitive and premier level teams are required to have, at minimum, an "E" level-coaching license.

Any person coaching U15 and older classic, competitive and premier level teams are required to have, at minimum, a "D" level-coaching license.

The Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association recognizes that the NSCAA National Diploma, Advanced National Diploma and Premier Diploma (held for at least 12 months) satisfies the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association's coaching credential requirements needed to obtain a coaching pass.

**FIRST:** A coach possessing the NSCAA National Diploma or above does not receive a license from the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association but only fulfills the coaching credential requirements.

**SECOND:** Holders of the NSCAA National Diploma or above working with U6, U8 and U10 players are strongly encouraged to obtain a "G" certificate or State Youth License.

The Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association's Coaching Department neither recognizes waivers nor waives any coach from obtaining the coaching credentials needed to obtain a coach's pass as per the guidelines established by the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association's Board of Directors effective August 1, 2003 (U10 and younger recreational coaches - "G (Y)" Certificate, U11 to U14 competitive - "E" Certificate and U15+ competitive - "D" License). However, effective October 1, 2003, WYSA's Coaching Department does release certain coaches (working with U12 teams or older) from the "E" Certificate prerequisite for acceptance into

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the “D” License course if they meet specific requirements. Coaches will be accepted directly into the “D” License course and the “E” Certificate prerequisite released, if they possess one of the following qualifications:

1. Four years of collegiate playing experience (proof required).
2. Two years of professional playing experience (proof required).
3. Two years of high school coaching or U15+ club coaching experience together with a teaching certification (proof required).

Note: Coaches with foreign coaching credentials should contact the USSF directly for equivalency validation or acceptance into USSF National Coaching Schools. Coaches wishing to be released from the “E” Certificate prerequisite should submit their request in writing and include a resume of their playing and coaching experience (plus any supporting documentation) to:

Christophe Brown - Director of Coaching

### WYOMING

Wyoming has no minimum requirements as of yet for coaching youth soccer.

Darren Brett - Director of Coaching