

Minimum Coaching Standards as of September 1, 2007

*** Club Directors of Coaching**

Full Time Select & Recreational: USSF "C" License and USSF National Youth License

Part Time Select & Recreational: USSF "D" License and USSF National Youth License

Volunteer Select & Recreational: USSF "D" License and/or USSF National Youth License

Academy Directors: USSF "D" License and USSF National Youth License

* 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. Additionally, they are in charge of overall education of coaches, players and parents. These positions will play a vital role in implementing these policies on behalf of Kentucky Youth Soccer. A volunteer is defined as a person who receives no payment or expense reimbursement for their services.

*** Select/Academy Soccer Coaches**

U9 Assistant/Academy Coaches will have until September 1, 2016 to meet the new requirements listed below.

U9 Select/Academy Teams

Head Coach: USSF "E" License

Assistant Coach: USSF "F" License

U10 – U19 Head & Assistant will have until September 1, 2014 to meet the new requirements listed below.

U10-U19 Select Teams

Head Coach: USSF "D" Certificate

Assistant Coach: USSF "D" Certificate

Minimum Coaching Standards for teams playing in the MRL

Beginning in the 2013-2014 season, at least one coach on a team's MRL roster must hold at least a US Soccer "C" license as the minimum coaching qualification.

At the time that a team submits an application to participate in the MRL, It should be expected that teams will be required to list all coaches (DOC, Head Coach, and Assistant Coaches) and their current coaching license status. Proof of Coaching License status will be required.

The action taken by the MRL Commission in adopting this rule follows an initiative by the US Youth Soccer Coaching Committee to upgrade the coaching education standards within its programs.

License Conversion

As of January 1st 2015, all coaches wishing to obtain a coaching license must start on the USSF pathway. Coaches will have to start with the USSF "F" License. Any coach who is coaching with a Kentucky Youth Soccer Association member club and has already obtained the NSCAA National Diploma or above will be grandfathered in under the Kentucky Youth Soccer Association minimum coaching standards.

Coaches with professional player experience or a International Coaching License need to contact the [US Soccer Coaching Department](#) for information on waivers and where they can start on the US Soccer Pathway

Waiting Periods

There is no wait period between the USSF F License and taking the USSF E License

Any candidate that has successfully completed the USSF "E" License after September 1, 2007 must wait a period of 6 months before they can attend a USSF "D" License.

Any candidate who receives a "Not Ready" the USSF "E" or "D" License will have to wait 6 months before retaking the entire course.

Candidates who have successfully obtained the USSF National "D" License must wait a 1 year period before they can attend a USSF "C" License.

Upgrading "D" License

Candidates that wish to upgrade from State "D" Certificate to a National "D" License must wait 6 months.

Procedures for upgrading from USSF "D" Certificate to USSF National "D"

Candidates that received a D Certificate and wish to upgrade to a "National Pass" must register and attend a D License Performance Review Center and complete the Deliberate Practice Phase.

Prerequisites

License/Certification	Prerequisites
USYS Youth Module	Candidate must be at least 16 years old
USSF "F" License	None
USSF "E" License	Candidates must be at least 16 years old and possess the USSF "F" License
USSF "D" License	Candidate must be at least 18 years old. Must have held an "E" Certificate for at least 6 months
USSF "C" License	Candidate must be at least 18 years old. Must have held an "D" License for at least one year or received a waiver from the United States Soccer Federation

Monitoring & Policing

Kentucky Youth Soccer will monitor coaching qualifications through the Affinity Registration system. If the system does not show the correct data a copy of the appropriate coaching certification needs to be sent to the Kentucky Youth Soccer Association Head Office for them to enter the details into the system.

If the team head and assistant coach do not possess the appropriate qualification the official roster and player passes will not be stamped and issued.

Any coach who does not meet the required criteria by September 1, 2009 will not be allowed to coach with a Kentucky Youth Soccer member.

Following September 1st 2009, coaches who are assigned to new teams will be required to obtain the appropriate certification within nine months.

Any Director of Coaching/General Manager whom has not received the appropriate qualifications at the end of the phase in period may not have their name placed on any of that teams rosters nor can they receive a coach's pass.

If you have any specific question regarding coaching education, please contact Adrian Parrish, Kentucky Youth Soccer Director of Coach & Player Development adrianparrish@kysoccer.net