



2006 National Coaching School

Overview

The U.S. Soccer Federation's 35-year tradition of certifying American soccer coaches continues in 2006 with numerous sessions scheduled at various locations around the United States.

Designed to meet the changing needs of today's game, the National Coaching School offers a complete, nine-day coaching course in a residential environment that immerses coaches in the culture of soccer. The course is conducted at three levels and emphasizes field instruction in the areas of technique, tactics, and fitness. The course also includes instruction in coaching methodology, team management, and sport psychology.

Thousands of coaches have completed U.S. Soccer Federation coaching schools since they were first developed in 1971. Courses are directed by a faculty of knowledgeable coaches, many of whom have coached at the highest levels in the United States. The objective is to provide all soccer coaches, from the beginner to the most advanced, with up-to-date theoretical and practical knowledge, so coaches across the United States can ensure that players develop to their full potential.

The U.S. Soccer National Coaching School Program provides:

- 1) Courses in which coaches can earn nationally certified credentials and take advantage of the opportunities and recognition inherent in the attainment of various levels of coaching expertise.
- 2) A proven curriculum which improves a coach's knowledge of the game.
- 3) Valuable information on current coaching trends and international developments in the game.

Certification Process

Coaching certification begins at the state level with introductory courses, which cover the elementary principles of coaching and prepare interested coaches for the 36-hour "D" license course. All state licenses are non-expiring. Please contact your state association for information on these courses.

National "A", "B" and "C" courses consist of seven days of instruction and two days of extensive oral, written, and practical examinations. The "A" License is valid for a period of four (4) years. "A" Licensed coaches must participate in the USSF Continuing Education Program (CEP) in order to keep their license current. The "B" and "C" Licenses are non-expiring licenses. Coaches with expired "A" Licenses must re-take the "A" course and pass the examinations in order to be awarded the "A" License.



Course Details

“C” License

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, and have earned a National “D” License certification held for a minimum of 12 months (attach a copy to application). “D” License certification may be waived under one of the following conditions:

- 1) Applicant received the NSCAA National Diploma and has held it for a minimum of **12** months.
- 2) Applicant has three (3) years coaching experience **and** three (3) years playing experience with U.S. National Teams or three (3) years professional playing experience **and** three (3) years coaching experience.

“B” License

Applicants must be at least 19 years of age and has held “C” License for a minimum of 12 months, and meets the 3.2 rule requirement. “C” License requirement may be waived under one of the following conditions:

- 1) Applicant received the NSCAA Advanced National Diploma and has held it for a minimum of 12 months.
- 2) Applicant has five (5) years coaching experience **and** five (5) years playing experience with U.S. National Teams or five (5) years professional playing experience **and** five (5) years coaching experience.

- *Applicants with a USSF National “D” License must mail in a copy with the application.*
- *If applicant holds a NSCAA Diploma, a copy of the diploma must be attached to the application.*

Documentation for Waivers

If applying for a waiver, applicant must submit proof, such as photocopies of contracts, or verification by owner on official team letterhead. Documentation proving coaching experience and the waiver application are also required.

- **Proof of eligibility must accompany application (copy of National “D” License, NSCAA Diploma, Foreign License, etc.)**
- **Applicant must submit documentation of coaching and playing experience on official team letterhead stating the specific years coached/played. All documentation must be signed by a ranking (President, GM, DOC) official of the club.**

All foreign documentation must include an English translation.

Mail the documentation to the following address:

US Soccer Federation
Attention: Coaching Department
1801 S. Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616



“A” License

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and have held a **USSF “B”** License for a **minimum** of 12 months, and meets the 3.2 rule requirement. **Absolutely no waivers will be considered for entrance into the “A” License course.**

Waiting Period:

There is a mandatory waiting period of one (1) year between each level of license (“D” through “A”).

Applications

Your completed application must be received by the national office along with the following:

- 1) A non-refundable, non-transferable \$100.00 application fee or full tuition in the form of a cashier’s check or money order made payable to U.S. Soccer. If you wish to use your MasterCard, Visa, or American Express credit card please be advised that the **full payment** will be charged to your credit card when your application is processed.
- 2) One recent passport-size photograph (1” x 2”)
- 3) Documentation necessary to substantiate eligibility. (Copy of National “D” License, NSCAA Diploma, Foreign License, etc.)

Faxed copies of the application will not be accepted.

Space is limited for all of the National Coaching School sessions. Registration will close when the school is full or four (4) weeks before the start of the course. Applicants failing to submit final payment by the deadline (four weeks prior to the start of the course) will have their registration canceled.

Information on travel, check-in procedures, suggested equipment, and FIFA Laws Book will be mailed to fully-paid applicants approximately 4 weeks prior to the course.

Note: We strongly recommend that you be in “good” Physical condition to meet the demands of the course.

Cancellation Policy

Please be advised that the \$100.00 deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable. A late cancellation fee of \$300.00 plus deposit (\$100) will be assessed to candidates who cancel less than three (3) weeks from the start of the course, regardless of circumstance. **All cancellations must be made in writing.** Candidates admitted who fail to attend will forfeit their entire course tuition.

Arrival/Departure Times

- Check-in time is between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the first day of the “A”, and “B” courses
- Check-in time is between 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the first day of the “C” course
- Check-out time is 1 p.m. on the final day.



U.S. Soccer advises against finalizing travel arrangements until registration is confirmed. US Soccer is not responsible for airline penalties or any other costs.

Examinations and Evaluations

Candidates undergo a challenging series of written, oral and practical examinations on a variety of subjects. Graded on a scale of 1 (high) to 5 (fail), candidates must receive passing scores in all test areas in order to become licensed. A single failing score in a theoretical subject qualifies for a re-test in that subject. All re-tests will take place at the conclusion of the course. A single failing score in either of the methodology subjects will result in a failing grade for the course with no re-testing. If a candidate is found deficient in only Game Awareness, he/she may still pass the course. ***If an applicant misses any of the course sessions, he/she must return to a future school to participate in that session/lecture, even if the candidate has passed all of the testing areas. License will be withheld until this requirement is fulfilled.***

Course Results

Candidates will receive their results from the national office within 6-8 weeks following the conclusion of the course. Successful candidates will receive a license certificate and license card at that time.

”C” License candidates are graded either “pass or “not ready” for all components of the course and must receive passing scores in all test areas in order to earn the “C” License. In order to be awarded the “C” License, the candidate must receive a grade of “Pass” in all theoretical and field testing areas.

If a candidate fails only one theoretical subject (written or oral) they qualify for an immediate, on-site re-test on that subject. However, if a candidate scores “not ready” in any of the following three areas, the Candidate must then wait a minimum of six months before they are eligible to re-take the field examination at a regional re-test site.

- Both oral examinations,
- One or more practical field examination(s),
- Two or more written subjects.

If “B” candidates receive a passing grade of 3.2 or above they must wait three (3) years before attempting the “A” License. However, if they audit an “A” course within that three-year period, they will be permitted to attempt the “A” License after the minimum 12-month waiting period.



Staple one (1) 1" x 2" personal photo here (a passport, jpeg, digital photo, etc.)
Inscribe name on back with course location

Mail Application To:

United States Soccer Federation
 Attn: Coaching Department
 1801 South Prairie Avenue
 Chicago, Illinois 60616
 312.808.1300
Licensed with the Fédération Internationale de Football Association

Name: _____ Male or Female
 (circle one)

E-mail: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ US Citizen: Y or N
 (circle one)

Main Phone: _____ Second Phone: _____

<u>Course Dates</u>	<u>Course Location</u>	<u>License</u> (circle one)
June 3-11, 2006	Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Oh	A B C
July 8-16, 2006	Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, MA	A B C
July 8-16, 2006	Home Depot Center, Carson, CA	B C

*Limited 'A' Audit space available for BGSU and Deerfield Academy course (*Audit course is \$100 less course tuition).*

Resident Member	Resident Non-Member	Commuter Member	Commuter Non-Member
\$950.00	\$1,000.00	\$650.00	\$700.00

Resident: Includes housing plus all meals

Commuter: No housing, daily meals included except breakfast

Member: US Soccer Coaches Organization www.ussoccer.com/coaches/org/index.jsp.html

Resident or Commuter (see explanation above) Roommate request, if resident: _____
 (circle one)

Member or Non-Member (see explanation above) Member Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____
 (circle one)

Existing License (highest): _____ Date Received: _____ Where? _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

T-shirt size: XXL XL L M S (circle one)

Receipt: (check if needed) Voluntary Contribution for: US Soccer Foundation **or** NTC \$ _____

E-mail coaches@ussoccer.org for special needs or requirements

Payment Info: (if a credit card is submitted, entire fee will be charged)

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Credit Card: American Express Discover MasterCard Visa
 (circle one)

Signature of Card Holder: _____ Date: _____

Payment Included: \$ _____ Money Order, Certified Check or Company/Club check accepted

For Office Use Only: Date Received: _____ Balance Due: \$ _____