



Coaching Education FAQs

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Do coaches need to take SOCAL coaching courses to get their Grassroots licensing?

SOCAL offers multiple grassroots coaching courses throughout Southern California.

Many other organizations/associations offer US Soccer Grassroots Licensing.

- Coaches can receive their US Soccer Grassroots Licensing through any association or organization offering US Soccer (USSF) Licensing.
- It does not have to be through SOCAL.

What is Grassroots licensing?

Grassroots Licensing is a combination of licenses that give the coach the necessary step to move on to their next step in US Soccer Licensing pathway.

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What is Innovate to Grow?

Innovate to Grow is FREE Coaching Education for young coaches AGES 18-30. Grassroots and D Courses are free if the coaches follow the steps in the course details of every Grassroots and D course offered by SOCAL Soccer League. Young coaches please note do not sign up and pay for your course. First fill out the Innovate to Grow Application (located in the course details) and in 2-3 days a FREE Code will be sent to you to sign up.

What is a blended course?

A Blended Course refers to an IN PERSON course that is taken both virtually (online behind a computer screen) and in person (on the soccer field).

What if the coach already has a USSF E or F license, does that qualify to coach in this league?

Coaching candidates who have earned the E or F License will have the following opportunities to use those certifications toward the prerequisites:

- U.S. Soccer E License + Introduction to Grassroots Coaching Module
- U.S. Soccer F License + Introduction to Grassroots Coaching Module + 11v11 InPerson license + one other InPerson license.

What if a coach doesn't see their E or F license in the US Soccer learning center profile?

Coaches who don't see their licenses must contact the association where they received it and ask them to transfer it into their learning center profile.



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What licensing do I need to coach in the NPL?

In order to coach in the SOCAL NPL a coach must have their USSF D license, be currently enrolled in a D License or signed up for a coming D License course.

What licensing do I need to get into a D license course?

In order to enter into a USSF D course, coaches must complete their Grassroots Licensing.

- 2 InPerson Courses (4v4, 7v7, 9v9, 11v11) - choose any two courses
- 1 Introduction to Grassroots Online Module (4v4,7v7,9v9 or 11v11)

What licensing do I need to get into a C license course?

In order to enter into a USSF C course, coaches must have passed their D license course and held the license for 6 months or longer.

Where can I sign up for a B license course?

Visit the Learning Center to find available courses and fill out an application. SOCAL Soccer League will be hosting B License Courses again in 2025.

What if a coach has no licensing, where should the start?

Coaches with no Licensing:

1. Coaches must first create an account at <https://learning.ussoccer.com>,
2. Complete the U.S. Soccer Introduction to Grassroots Coaching Module which can be completed for free online at <https://learning.ussoccer.com/coach/courses/available/16/details/1546>.
3. Once you have completed the online introduction module, you will be able to access and register for the In-person (BLENDED) module(s) via the U.S. Soccer Learning Center.

Are you a Member Club Leader interested in hosting courses?

Contact Cris Gilmore at cris@socalsoccerleague.org

Additional Questions?

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SOCAL USSF Course List :

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/167xV1Pv5AdrV1Uf5_4umiVTF77fyfFYQKEYjV2F_eYA/edit#gid=0