



## Montana Youth Soccer Association

### STATE AND NATIONAL COACHING COURSES AND SCHOOLS

#### OVERVIEW

Designed to meet the changing needs of today's modern game, the National Coaching School offers a complete, nine- day coaching course in a residential environment. The course is conducted at four 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. In addition to the "A", "B", and "C" courses, the USSF has added the National Youth License to the National Coaching Schools. The mission of the National Youth Course is to provide the most current information on development of the youth soccer player.

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.

#### STATE LEVEL COURSES

##### "E" License Course

- Takes place on a Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday
- 18 hour course
- No prerequisite courses, certificates, or experience
- Must be 16 years of age at the time of the course
- Cost of course is \$75.00 (payable to MYSA)

##### "D" License Course

- Takes place on a Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday during the day over two weekends.
- 36 hour course
- Must have obtained and held an "E" License for at least 12 months prior to application for the "D" License Course
- Must be 17 years of age at the time of the course
- Cost of course is \$150.00 (payable to MYSA)
- "E" License certification may be waived if the applicant can meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. License or Diploma  
Proof of out- of- state 'E' License or foreign license/ diploma. (Foreign License will be evaluated by State Director of Coaches)  
NSCAA Regional Diploma (must provide copy of diploma)
2. Playing Experience  
4 years Collegiate Varsity Program, 2 years Professional or 2 years U.S. National team (applicant must submit proof such as copies of contract)  
Top level Club and/ or Adult Amateur
3. Coaching Experience  
2 or more years coaching at Collegiate Level or 4 years or more at High School level.

If an applicant feels that he/ she is qualified in any of the following categories, the applicant must petition the Montana State Director of Coaching, in writing to be considered for a waiver. Please send a cover letter stating why you are seeking an exemption from the "E" License along with a three- part soccer resume that covers (1) coaching experience, (2) playing experience, and (3) any courses, certificates, symposiums that the applicant has attended or obtained.

#### NATIONAL COACHING SCHOOLS

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 USSF license maintenance programs 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.

The National Youth License course consists of five days of classroom and field instruction and one day of written and practical examinations. The instruction for the course is age- specific. Each day of the course is devoted to the physical, psychological and social characteristics displayed by children of specific age, i. e. Under- 6, Under- 8, Under- 10 and Under- 12.

##### "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 playing experience with U.S. National Teams or three (3) years professional playing experience.

##### "B" License

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

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

##### "A" License

Applicants must be 21 years of age and "B" License certification held for a minimum of 12 months, and meets 3.2 Rule requirement. **absolutely no waivers will be considered for entrance into the "A" license course.**

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**\*\*COURSE COST SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\***