



2006 US Soccer 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 years playing experience with U.S. National Teams or three (3) years professional playing experience.

Proof of eligibility must accompany application (copy of National "D" License, NSCAA Diploma, etc.)

"B" LICENSE

Applicants must be at least 19 years of age and has held "C" License for a minimum of 12 months, and meets 3.2 rule requirement (for C Licenses received prior to January 2006). "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 years playing experience with U.S. National Teams or five (5) years professional playing experience.

"A" LICENSE

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and has held "B" License 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.**

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, 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.

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.

Information on travel, check-in procedures, suggested equipment, and FIFA Laws Book will be mailed to fully paid applicants approximately 3-4 weeks prior to the course.

Arrival and Departure Times

- Check-in time is between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the first day of the "A", "B", and "C" course (*subject to change).
- Check-out time is 1 p.m. on the final day (*subject to change).

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

DOCUMENTATION FOR WAIVERS

- 1) 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.

National "B" License (Applicant must be at least 19 years old.)

Applicant has five (5) years of coaching experience (any level) **AND** five (5) years of playing experience with US National Teams or five (5) years of professional playing experience.

National "C" License (Applicant must be at least 18 years old.)

Applicant has three (3) years coaching experience **AND** three (3) years playing experience with US National Teams or three (3) years professional playing experience.

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 official (President, GM, DOC) of the club.

All foreign documentation must include an English translation.

Mail the documentation to the following address:

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

- 2) If applicant holds a NSCAA Diploma, a copy of the diploma must be attached to the application.

If required documents do not accompany coaching school application, it will be returned.

EXAMINATIONS AND EVALUATIONS

Candidates undergo a challenging series of written, oral and practical examinations on a variety of subjects. "B" License Candidates are 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.

"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.

- 1- Both oral examinations,
- 2- one or more practical field examination(s),
- 3- two or more written subjects.

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.

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.

ALL CANDIDATES MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Candidate Playing/Coaching Experience

Playing Experience: (Team Name and No. of years)

College / Amateur: _____

Professional: _____

Coaching Experience: (School or Club or No. of years)

Youth: _____

College: _____

Club: _____

Professional: _____



Mail Application To:

United States Soccer Federation
National Coaching Program
1801-1811 South Prairie Ave, Chicago, Illinois 60616
Coaching Department (312) 808-1300
Licensed with the Fédération Internationale de Football Association

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2006 COACHING COURSE APPLICATION

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____ M or F US Citizen: Y N
(circle)

| <u>COURSE DATES</u> | <u>COURSE LOCATION</u> | | | | <u>LICENSE</u> |
|---------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| April 1-9 | Home Depot Center (Carson, Calif.) | | | | A & C |
| | Course Tuition | | | | |
| | Resident Member | Resident Non-Member | Commuter Member | Commuter Non-Member | |
| Spring: | \$1000 | \$1050 | \$675 | \$750 | |
| | *Audit cost is \$100.00 less course tuition | | | | |
| | Resident – Includes housing plus all meals | | | | |
| | Commuter – No housing, daily meals included except breakfast | | | | |

Course Location: _____ Course Dates: _____ Course Level: _____

Resident / Commuter Existing License: _____
(circle) Issued by USSF, NSCAA, etc. Date Received License Level & No.

____ Member of US Soccer Coaches Organization? Member #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Requested roommate: _____
(name, phone)

____ If you have a disability or need special accommodations or assistance, please check here. You **must**
Email the Coaching Department at coaches@ussoccer.org to further document your need.

All applicants MUST complete playing and coaching experience information.

PAYMENT: *Enclose cashiers check, money order, or complete the following credit card information.*
****Please be advised that the full payment will be charged to your credit card when your application is processed.**

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Credit Card Type: MasterCard Visa American Express Name on Credit Card: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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| FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: | | | |
| Deposit Amount: _____ (No.) _____ | Received On: _____ | Balance Due: _____ | |
| Final Payment: _____ (No.) _____ | Received On: _____ | Verification Letter: _____ | |
| Withdrew On: _____ Refund Due: _____ | Refund Paid: _____ | Date refunded: _____ | |