

Minimum Coaching Standards Approved

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On December 11th, 2004 Indiana Youth Soccer's Board of Directors approved to a motion approving minimum coaching standards policies and procedures. Beginning in the spring of 2006, the INDIANA YOUTH SOCCER will have minimum coaching standards for all INDIANA YOUTH SOCCER registered coaches. The Minimum coaching standards will be phased in over a period of time.

Deferment

Coaches who fail to meet the licensing requirement are required to apply for a deferment. A deferment is an approval to coach until the licensing requirement can be satisfied. A deferment is granted for one year only. All requests for a deferment must be submitted to the INDIANA YOUTH SOCCER Director of Coaching as part of the team registration process. A potential coach would complete a deferment request. The Club Coach (or their designee) would review essential information (including, but not limited to, sportsmanship, risk management and age- appropriate concerns) deemed essential by the Club with the candidate coach and sign the deferment request prior to the coach commencing with the players. The club would then submit the deferment request to Indiana Youth Soccer within seven (7) days of the candidate coach having his/her first session with players. Indiana Youth Soccer would formally respond to the deferment request within thirty (30) days of receipt. However, If no response is received within seven (7) days the deferment is considered approved for one year.

Waiting Period

There is no waiting period between the Youth Module 1, Youth Module 2 and E certificates. It is recommended that you apply what you have learned in your coaching education experience to the age group that you are a coaching for at least one season.

There is a 6 month waiting period for those who have obtained an E Certificate and desire to pursue a D License. The waiting period is so coaches have a better opportunity to apply what they have learned.

There is a one year waiting period for those who have obtained a National D License and desire to pursue a C License. The waiting period is enforced by the USSF.

License Conversion

A coach who has completed the equivalent to the Youth Module or E Certificate can request to have their license converted over to a Youth Module or USSF E Certificate. In order to do this, the following must be submitted to the INDIANA YOUTH SOCCER Director of Coaching and Player Development:

- Completed License Conversion Application
- Proof of completion of an equivalent course (copy of certificate/license)
- A conversion may take up to 3-6 weeks to process.

There are no license conversions for the USSF D or USSF C.

Waiver

A waiver is not the same as a certificate, license, or license conversion. A waiver allows a coach the opportunity to take the next level course.

Waivers are granted at the sole discretion of the INDIANA YOUTH SOCCER Director of Coaching and Player Development. All candidates seeking a waiver must fill out the Coaching Course waiver application and submit it to the INDIANA YOUTH SOCCER Director of Coaching at least 30 days prior to the start of a scheduled D course.

Waivers will be evaluated in accordance to the USSF standards:

1. License level with an outside organization
2. Coaching Experience
3. Playing Experience

Any candidate who receives an E course waiver and fails the D License will have to attend an E course, wait the 6 month period before attempting the D License again.

There are no waivers for the Youth Modules.

D Waiver Policy

To get a waiver into the D License Course, a coach must have each of the following:

- 1) Four years of college playing experience or higher.
- 2) Five years of coaching experience in the age group that the D License course is for, which is the 12-18 year old player.
- 3) References or proof that the above has occurred.

All waiver requests must be submitted to the INDIANA YOUTH SOCCER Director of Coaching at least 30 days prior to the course.

Upgrading D Licenses

Candidates that wish to upgrade from a State D to a National D, must wait a period of 3 months. Candidates then must repeat and retest the entire second weekend of the D course.
Cost: \$50

Prerequisites

Youth Modules-Candidates must be at least 14 years of age.

E Certificate-Candidates must be at least 16 years of age.

D License-Candidates must be at least 18 years of age. Must have had held an E Certificate or equivalent for at least 6 months or have the INDIANA YOUTH SOCCER Director of Coaching approval.

State Hosted C Course-Candidates must be at least 18 years of age. Must have had held a D

| Age(s) | USSF | NSCAA Equivalent | AYSO Equivalent | By When |
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License for at least one year or have the following equivalent:

1. Applicant

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.

National Youth License-Candidates must be at least 18 years of age.

Goalkeeper Certificate-Candidates must be at least 18 years of age.

Open Policy

All INDIANA YOUTH SOCCER coaching courses are open to any coach from any club or association that is registered with the INDIANA YOUTH SOCCER.

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| Club Directors of Coaching | Travel/Rec-Plus USSF C License Recreation National Youth License | NSCAA National Diploma | None | Spring 2006 |
| U15 and up | Travel/Rec-Plus USSF State D Recreation USSF E | Recreation NSCAA Regional Diploma | Recreation AYSO Advanced | Spring 2006 |
| U13/14 | Travel/ Rec-Plus USSF E Recreation USSF E | Travel/Rec-Plus and Recreation NSCAA Regional Diploma | Recreation AYSO Advanced | Fall 2006 |
| U11/12 | Travel/Rec-Plus USSF E Recreation Youth Module 2 | Travel/Rec-Plus and Recreation NSCAA Regional Diploma | AYSO Advanced | Fall 2006 |
| U 9/10 | Travel/Rec-Plus USSF E Recreation Youth Module 2 | Travel/Rec-Plus NSCAA Regional Diploma Recreation NSCAA State Diploma | Recreation AYSO Youth U-10 Coaching Course | Fall 2006 |
| U7/8 | Recreation Youth Module 1 | Recreation NSCAA State Diploma | Recreation AYSO Youth U-8 Coaching Course | Spring 2007 |

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| U5/6 | Recreation Youth Module 1 | Recreation NSCAA State Diploma | Recreation AYSO Youth U-6 Coaching Course | Spring 2007 |
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