

Grassroots Pathway Initiatives US Soccer Coach Courses

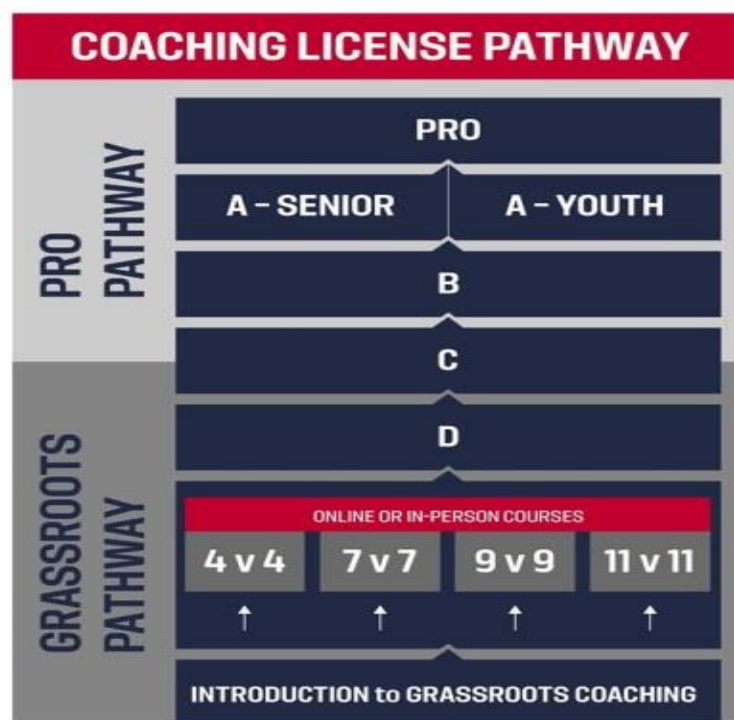
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Effective January 2018, US Soccer introduced 8 new coaching levels. The focus will be to empower coaches through experiential learning and player-centered approaches. The new Grassroots Licensing courses consist of four (4) in-person and four (4) online experiences. Coaches have the option to take any of these new courses, in any sequence, after completing a free introductory module provided by US Soccer.

- **This applies to all coaches, assistant coaches, and trainers within their first year of coaching.**
- **AND any coaches currently licensed.**

Effective January 17, 2018, concurrently with the rollout of the new courses, these are the changes for current licenses with the US Soccer Coaching Pathway.

- The current F and E licenses will still be recognized but phased out. These licenses will remain relevant to advance within the pathway.
- The current D course will be updated but current licenses are not affected.
- The new Initiatives will not affect the current C, B, A and Pro licenses.



- **How do I know what class to take if I am a new coach without a license or current licensed coach?**
 - Determine your coaching goals.
 - I want to coach at State level tournaments and further my coaching education
 - ✓ Take the online courses which are age appropriate or all as time allows
 - ✓ Enroll in the Wichita in-person courses offered or any offered by KSYSA.
 - Love coaching my kids but not interested in a D or higher license
 - ✓ Not required to take in-person course. Should choose best age appropriate online course.

- **What are the Grassroots Coaching online modules? What is the cost for each?**
Just as the in-person classes, there are 4 online modules for the 4v4, 7v7, 9v9 and 11v11 age divisions. This can be taken separately based on your coaching goals. Choose the age division best suited to your team to take the online course only. Cost is \$25 each age module paid online at time of registration.
- **What is the Introduction to Grassroots Coaching module?**
The Introduction online module is free and required to be taken prior to registering for any of the new Grassroots Pathway online or in-person courses. The Intro further explains the requirements needed and changes made at the national level. Registration will be completed at the KSYSA website.
- **When are the next Grassroots in-person courses in Wichita?**
 - **Saturday, June 30, 2018 and Sunday, July 1, 2018**
 - The Grassroots courses in Wichita will be 7v7, 9v9 and 11v11.
 - Limited to no more than 15 people in the class and requires minimum of 5 people to hold course.
 - See how to register at KSYSA later in this document.
 - The 4v4 in-person course has been eliminated due to similar content in the 7v7 course.
- **What is the format of the Grassroots in-person course?**
It will be 4 hour course broken into classroom work and field work. Class work will be first hour, 2 hour field work and ends with hour of class work. Bring water and workout clothes.
- **Will all 3 in-person classes be offered in Wichita ongoing?**
Due to the recent implementation, KSYSA Director of Coaching, Nathan Hunt, intends to hold courses in Topeka, Lawrence and Kansas City. Additional courses will be offered twice a year as long as sufficient people enroll. KSYSA wants to hold the 3 courses in one weekend to allow a coach to finish all requirements to meet the prerequisite for the D license.
- **Am I able to attend any of the KSYSA Grassroots in-person courses? Other locations?**
Yes, you may attend any of the courses based on your current level of coaching. The same courses are available throughout the State. See KSYSA website for other dates and locations.

WHO IS REQUIRED TO TAKE THE GRASSROOT COURSES?

- **I am a new coach or haven't yet taken the F license, what course do I take if not interested in progressing to the D license?**
Begin with the online free Intro to Grassroots Coaching module. Take the online Grassroots Pathway courses that best fits the age of your team. All 4 courses may be taken but a minimum of 1 is required to coach in KSYSA and SCSA. Other courses may be taken as offered by KSYSA. Additional online coaching resources will be available for up to a year after the course is completed through the Digital Coaching Center.
- **I have a current F license, do I have to take any of the Grassroots courses?**
 - **Do you want to take additional courses to advance my license or coach a State tournament?**
 - Yes, I want to obtain a D or higher license. The 11v11 course and 1 of the remaining 3 (4v4, 7v7 or 9v9) are required to qualify to take the D course.
 - No, I am not interested in advancing my coaching credentials, the current E or F license will still be recognized and sufficient. No further courses are required but encouraged.

- **I have a current E license, what Grassroots courses are needed to move to a D license?**
Coaches who currently have an E license will be able to proceed directly to the D License. The Grassroot courses are available to you as continuing education.
- **I have a D or higher license? What is required for the Grassroots courses?**
No new courses would be required in the Grassroots Pathway and current licenses of D and higher are not impacted. All courses are updated to follow the new Pathway Initiatives so coaches are encouraged to expand their continuing education.
- **Do I also have to take the SCSA Coach clinic with the Grassroots Pathway?**
No, the new Grassroots Pathway field work will replace the SCSA field clinic. The SCSA field portion of the coach course has been discontinued with the new implementation.

REGISTERING FOR THE GRASSROOT COURSES?

- **How do I register and pay for the Grassroots courses?**
 1. **Online courses** - Go to the KSYSA website, www.kansasyouthsoccer.org - Coaches – Digital Coaching Center – login or register as new coach
 - a. Introduction to Grassroots Coaching – free information on pathway courses
 - b. Choose age most appropriate of 7v7, 9v9 or 11v11 – 1 is required, all available
 2. **In-person courses** - KSYSA website - Coaches - Course Licensing - In-Person Grassroots Licenses - choose location and age of 7v7, 9v9 or 11v11.
 3. **Payment** - You will register and pay for the fees online at the KSYSA website.
 - Introduction module - no charge, required before registering for online or in-person.
 - Online modules - \$25 each age division
 - In-person course - \$65 each
- **I can't remember what my license level is? How can I find out?**
Got to the KSYSA website, kansasyouthsoccer.org - Coaches - Digital Coaching Center. Sign on if new or log on if returning - Courses - My Courses. You will see a list of courses if you registered through KSYSA to complete the online course. SCSA does not have access to your Digital Coaching info.
- **How will the Grassroots courses be tracked?**
All registrations and course completions will be maintained at the Digital Coaching Center (DCC). Each coach will have their own login information to monitor their own Pathway.
- **I logged into the Digital Coaching Center but didn't see my completed course?**
Go to KSYSA website - Coaches - Update Coaching Credentials to enter your completed certificate number and legal name.