



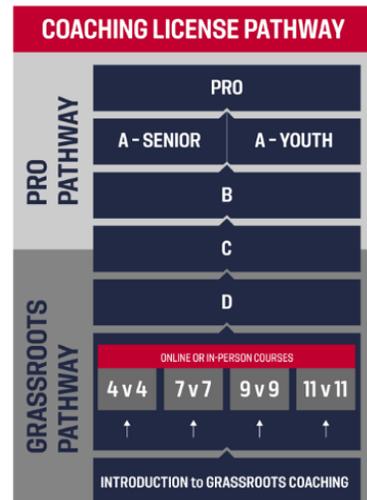
## U.S. Soccer Coaching Education Pathway

The purpose of this communication is to provide Iowa soccer technical leaders, directors of coaching, and coaches with an update on U.S. Soccer national and state-level coaching education pathways and courses.

U.S. Soccer launched its newly revised coaching education pathway which is going to have a significant, positive, impact on the development of grassroots coaches across the country. For a detailed summary, [click here](#). “We are very excited about the newly revised coaching education pathway and the emphasis placed on making education more accessible and developmentally appropriate for grassroots coaches. As a result, this new pathway is going to enhance the experience and environment for our grassroots players,” said Director of Coaching Education Gareth Smith.

Together, with U.S. Soccer, Iowa soccer is committed to empowering coaches with the knowledge, skills, and practices to create a positive, engaging, and enjoyable learning environment for their players.

With the new structure directing our planning, starting in March 2018 Iowa Soccer will implement the new coach education courses. The 2018 course schedule, and registration details, will be announced in February 2018. In preparation for the transition, please note the following changes:



- **F and E License:** Effective January 17, the U.S. Soccer F and E Coaching License courses will no longer be offered to new candidates as a part of the U.S. Soccer Coaching Pathway. Both licenses will still be recognized by U.S. Soccer and remain relevant as a means to advance one’s education and credentials.
- **Grassroots Courses:** New “Grassroots” courses now form the foundation of the pathway. [Click here](#) to gain access to the new, free, U.S. Soccer introduction to Grassroots Coaching Module. The introductory module is a prerequisite to any of the U.S. Soccer Grassroots License courses, which focus on 4v4, 7v7, 9v9 and 11v11 sided game formats.
- **D License:** the new D license course will be available the summer of 2018. Please note the following important points as we transition to the new D license course.
  - Coaches who currently hold the U.S. Soccer E License will be able to proceed directly to the U.S. Soccer D License course (no development period) after completing the cost-free Introduction to Grassroots Coaching module - [Click here](#).
  - If you are in a transition period with the D license (i.e., you have completed the first weekend of the course but not the performance weekend) please make sure you are registered for the last available section of the course prior to the transition to the new D license format.
  - If you don’t have an E license, the new requirements for the D license is two In-person courses and one online license. After completing the Introduction to Grassroots Coaching module you must complete the 11v11 in-person course and one additional in-person grassroots course opportunity, either the 4v4, 7v7 or 9v9 in-person license.

Please contact [Gareth Smith](#), Director of Coaching Education, if you have questions or require additional information regarding coaching education or course schedules.