

Q: What happened to the F and E Licenses?

A: The U.S. Soccer F and E Coaching courses will no longer be offered to new candidates as a part of the U.S. Soccer Coaching License Pathway.

While candidates currently registered for the F or E course have the opportunity to complete the course process, earn said license and apply the license within the new pathway framework, new candidates will no longer be able to register for these courses. Instead, new Grassroots Course opportunities have been developed and added to the pathway, replacing the existing starting phase of the U.S. Soccer Coaching Pathway.

- 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.
- Those that hold the F License will have the ability to move to the D License course after completing the Introduction to Grassroots Coaching module along with the 11v11 in-person course and one additional in-person grassroots course opportunity, either the 4v4, 7v7 or 9v9.

Q: How do I progress to the D License?

A: A unique combination of three of the eight Grassroots Licenses now formally represent the prerequisite to progress to the U.S. Soccer D License (replacing the E and F Licenses). New coaches will use the [U.S. Soccer Digital Coaching Center](#) to sign up for, and complete, a minimum of three grassroots courses, in the form of two in-person courses and one online course:

- Two in-person courses (one of which must be the 11v11)
- One online course across any of the four levels (4v4, 7v7, 9v9, 11v11)

Coaching candidates who have already completed or begun to take the E or F Licenses courses will have the following opportunities to use the certifications towards the D License prerequisites:

- U.S. Soccer E License + Introduction to Grassroots Coaching Module
- U.S. Soccer F License + Introduction to Grassroots Coaching Module + 11v11 in-person license + one other in-person license

Q: What are the prerequisites for the Grassroots Licensing Courses?

A: The Introduction to Grassroots Coaching Module serves as the first step in obtaining any one of the eight new Grassroots Licenses: four in-person courses and four online courses across the four grassroots levels: 4v4, 7v7, 9v9, 11v11. The eight course options relate directly to small-sided games and the respective age-groups outlined in the U.S. Soccer [Player Development Initiatives](#).

After completing the Introduction to Grassroots Coaching Module, candidates can progress to any of the eight grassroots license course opportunities through the [U.S. Soccer Digital Coaching Center](#). This unlocked approach to the foundation of the pathway allows coaches to seek out education related to the environment that they are coaching in.

Q: When will the Grassroots Licensing Courses be available?

A: Beginning Wednesday, January 17, the Introduction to Grassroots Coaching Module will be available to anyone interested in starting, or continuing, their coaching license pathway, or anyone looking to learn more about grassroots soccer and coaching.

Of the eight new grassroots licensing courses at the base of the U.S. Soccer Coaching Pathway, the four in-person experiences will be available for sign-up as early as February. These in-person courses will be hosted by recognized member organizations of U.S. Soccer.

The four online courses will follow the rollout of the in-person opportunities in the coming months.

Q: How much do the Grassroots Licensing Courses cost?

A: U.S. Soccer member organizations will organize and run the in-person course opportunities for their coaches. These courses take place over four hours with two hours dedicated to classroom learning and two hours dedicated to field work. Coaches can contact their local member organization to inquire about scheduling and pricing. Set to be released by U.S. Soccer in the coming months, the online Grassroots courses will be available for \$25 in both English and Spanish on the DCC. This includes access to educational content, session plans and U.S. Soccer's Planning Tool.