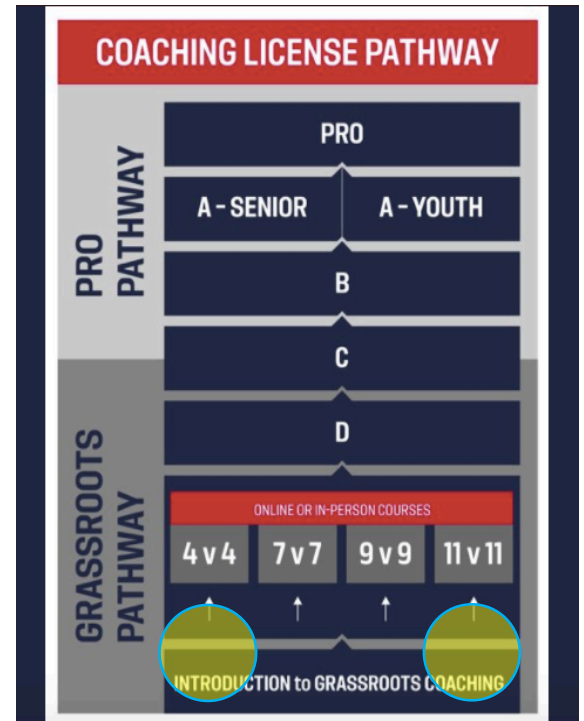




US Soccer has moved forward with the new **Grassroots License(s)**. For those of you that are unaware of this new license our hope is to better inform you regarding the license and how your coaches can attain the license. Below are some facts about recent changes USSF has undergone and how the new Grassroots License structure is designed.

- The USSF E License no longer exists (However, if you are a current E-License holder, you can move on to the D-License. You do not have to take a Grassroots License to move on to the D-License in this scenario.)
- The Grassroots License is the replacement of the E-License.
- The Grassroots License is offered in 4 different modules.
 - 4v4 GR License
 - 7v7 GR License
 - 9v9 GR License
 - 11v11 GR License
- Each License is 4 hours in length (These 4 hours are broken up into classroom time and field session time)
- There is no prerequisite to take any of the GR licenses.
- Every registrant must create a profile in the DCC (Digital Coach Center) to be able to register.
- Every GR License is offered In-Person and Online
- Coaches must be 16 years old to register.
- Each GR License is \$50 per registrant for SDSSA member coaches and \$75 per registrant for non SDSSA member coaches. **A member coach is someone who is registered with SDSSA and has completed their Risk Management Disclosure for the 2017-18 soccer year.*
- Two courses can be held in 1 day (i.e., 7v7 GR & 11v11 GR). A discounted price of \$40 per registrant for signing up for both for SDSSA members and \$60 per registrant for signing up for both for NON-SDSSA members.





- For coaches wanting to progress to their D-License there is a specific pathway to qualify.
 - D-License Pathway (Professional Pathway) – The example above highlighted in Yellow would be a way to qualify to take the D-License.
 - D-License Prerequisite – The coach must complete 2 In-Person Licenses, 1 of which MUST be the 11v11 GR License. They must also attain 1 Online License

More information below

Concept of the Grassroots Training Session & Sample Schedule of a Grassroots License Course
The philosophy of each game module is centered around the player via the **Play-Practice-Play Model** of a training session.

The Grassroots License allows involves an understanding of the Six-Tasks of a Coach.

- **Coaching Game**
- **Coaching Training Sessions**
- **Leading the Player**
- **Leading the Team**
- **Managing the Performance Environment**
- **Leadership**

Each course consists of three parts and a sample schedule is below. This is based on an 8am-12pm time frame.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

7:30am (Course Check-In/Registration)

8:00-9:00am (Hour 1) – Classroom

- Content is geared towards the coaches participating in the course with emphasis on the specific game model, either 4v4, 7v7, 9v9 or 11v11;
- Introduction of the **Play-Practice-Play Model**

9:00-11:00am (Hours 2-3) - Field

- Two-hour field session: Content is centered around the **Play-Practice-Play Model**: where candidates will be given the opportunity to run a practice with players based around this model. Guidance will be given from the instructor throughout the session.

11:00am-12:00pm (Hour 4) - Classroom



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◦ Content involves review/reflection based on the field session and an overall conclusion of the course.

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