



# The Developmental Pathway for Coaches

US Youth Soccer Technical Department

And Your National State Association

Coaching Education

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- Coaches grow in their talents by both informal and formal means.
- Players and their parents are justified to expect the team coaches to make the effort for continual improvement, just as is expected of the players.

So coaches you must 'walk the talk'.

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## Informal

- Conversations with other coaches
- Study on your own
  - Internet
  - Books
  - Video
  - Soccer magazines
- Critiques on your management of training sessions and matches from more knowledgeable and experienced coaches
- Watch high level soccer
- Being mentored

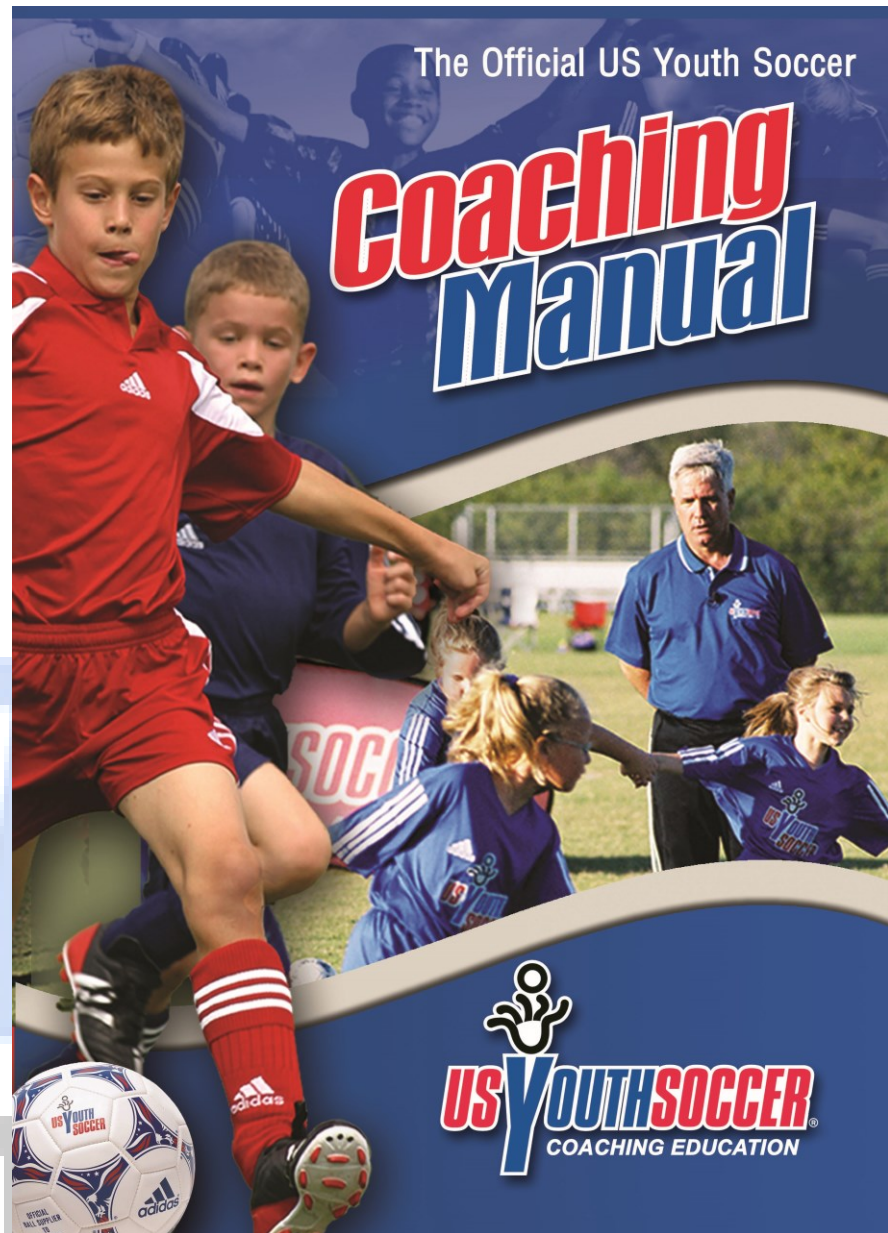
## Formal

- Attend coaching clinics at your club and state association
- Take a coaching course through your state association
- Attend conventions, workshops and seminars

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Why should someone take a coaching course?

- ✓ Self-confidence
  - ✓ You'll feel better prepared to coach your players with a clearer vision of how to teach the game
- ✓ Knowledge of the game
  - ✓ You'll learn the latest coaching methods
  - ✓ You'll learn the Principles of Play
  - ✓ You'll learn the Components of the Game
- ✓ Knowledge of the age group
  - ✓ You'll learn how to run an age appropriate training session
- ✓ Networking with other coaches
- ✓ Becoming a member of the 'team' of coaches in your community, state and country
- ✓ Because your players deserve it!



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## US Youth Soccer

- U6/U8 Youth Module
- U10/U12 Youth Module
- TOPSoccer Coaching Certificate
- National Youth License

## U. S. Soccer

- “F” License
- “E” License
- “D” License
- “C” License
- “B” License
- “A” License
- Technical Director’s License
- National Goalkeeping License



The Players Have Rights

## The Developmental Pathway for Coaches

- ® Right to proper preparation for participation in soccer.
- ® Right to have qualified coaches.
- ® Right to participate in safe and healthy environments.