



Member Update: U.S. Soccer Grassroots Licensing Courses

U.S. Soccer and Idaho Youth Soccer are proud to announce the launch of four new in-person Grassroots License Courses as well as the updated D License Course. Each of these educational opportunities are hosted by U.S. Soccer member organizations and are tailored around the four new Grassroots game models: 4v4, 7v7, 9v9, and 11v11. These course options will offer coaches the chance to learn more about how to develop a player-centered approach to coaching.

Spanning 4-hours in length, each in-person Course consists of both classroom and field-based sessions. Coaches will learn more about U.S. Soccer's Coaching Education Philosophy, Play-Practice-Play Methodology and the Six Tasks of a Grassroots Coach, amongst other topics. The newly revamped D License is a culmination of all four game models and an extension of the Grassroots courses. After completion of the course, coaches will have the knowledge and tools to positively impact their player and the environment in which they interact.

"Grassroots is where soccer begins. It is these early experiences that spark a child's love for the game. As a parent or coach, these courses will help further improve those experiences," said U.S. Soccer Director of Coaching Education, Nico Romeijn. "If you are completely new to coaching or the game of soccer, this is a tremendous opportunity to further your knowledge of how to teach children to learn and love the game. For the experienced coach or former player, this is an opportunity to provide a more structured approach based on the needs of the players. In both cases, the focus is on the player and how to ensure that player is able to learn, grow and have fun playing soccer."

Together with U.S. Soccer, Idaho Youth Soccer is committed to improving the experience and level of our players through empowering coaches with low barrier and easily accessible education.

"By creating these courses, U.S. Soccer has really shown that they are looking after every coach, every player," said Idaho State Technical Director Skyler Bell. "Emphasizing a player- and games-based approach ensures that soccer is fun for the players, and takes some pressure off the coach. Anyone, regardless of background or experience in the sport, can be a coach and can help players find their love of the game."

For information regarding schedule, pricing and availability, please visit <http://www.idahoyouthsoccer.org> directly.

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[Five Things to Know About the Grassroots Pathway Coaching Initiative](#)

[Five Things to Know About the U.S. Soccer Introduction to Grassroots Coaching Module](#)

[U.S. Soccer Begins Launch of New Grassroots Coaching Pathway with Cost-Free Introductory Module](#)

[U.S. Soccer Coaching Education Department Announces Grassroots Pathway Initiative](#)

[Five Things to Know About U.S. Soccer Player Development Initiatives](#)