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Subject: US Soccer Coaching Education Pathway Changes

Dear All,

We wanted to inform you that starting Winter 2018 the US Soccer coaching education pathway will be changing. This was discussed at the recent Soccer Learning University, which was held in Lexington, KY and we wanted to make sure that all clubs are aware of the potential changes. The changes will be implemented by US Soccer as a member association, KYSA must implement the new coaching education pathway to fully comply with membership

The E License will no longer be offered and will be replaced with modules listed below to match the Player Development Initiatives.

- 4v4 Module Online & Field
- 7v7 Module Online & Field
- 9v9 Module Online & Field
- 11v11 Module Online & Field

At this time, the US Soccer Coaching Education study group is creating these modules and will determine whether candidates will have to take both the online portion and attend the field session to obtain the license and/or how many modules candidates have to take before they are eligible to move onto the next course. These modules will replace the current F & E License.

The D License will remain in some format; however, the name and the structure of this is still to be revealed.

At the end of July, all state Technical Directors will be going to Texas to go through training for the new format and modules. I will be attending this training along with some of our state course instructors. Following this meeting we hope to have US Soccer Grassroots Coach Educator, Frank Tschan, attend the Kentucky Youth Soccer AGM and Roundtable in Louisville on August 12th, 2017 in order to update everyone with more details on the new pathway. The new pathway will include licenses required for instructors as well as a parent module.

Any coaches that have the current USSF F, E or D License will be grandfathered into the new pathway, entering at the appropriate stage.

These changes will require us to review the minimum coaching standards for Select Coaches/Teams set by Kentucky Youth Soccer Association. Without knowing where the new material fits, we are adding a minimum amount of coaching courses this Summer so please encourage your coaches to register and attend the courses by <u>clicking here</u>. No changes will be made to these standards until winter 2018; however, all select coaches will be required to meet the current standards if they wish to be included on a roster for the fall 2017 season. To view the current standards click here.

Kentucky Youth Soccer will not be approving rosters in the fall for teams whose coaches do not meet the requirements or are not registered on a course to complete the license. Rosters will not be approved for teams that place the Clubs Director of Coaching as the Head Coach and list the coach as Assistant Coach, Team Manager or Team Assistant. We are currently reviewing rosters in the Affinity system and will be contact clubs that are failing to meet the requirements.

At this time, we do not recognize the NSCAA qualifications, the product that they offer is not an official license recognized by a governing body of the game. US Soccer is the only governing body and we are a member of their

organization, hence why we provide their licensing structure. Some states choose to offer NSCAA courses and we may offer them as another tool to gain education. Any coaches that have NSCAA qualifications will have to keep working towards obtaining a USSF License while the US Soccer Coaching Department reviews the partnership.

Kentucky Youth Soccer is excited to be hosting a USSF C License this summer and we hope to have many coaches make the most of this opportunity by registering for this National Course. For more details <u>click here</u>.

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