

Kentucky Youth Soccer Minimum Coaching Standards

Club Director of Coaching or Technical Director

A Club Director of Coaching/Technical Director is defined as an individual coach who is directly involved with the hiring and/or releasing of coaches for the club. Additionally, they oversee the overall education of coaches, players and parents. These positions play a vital role in implementing coaching education policies on behalf of Kentucky Youth Soccer. A volunteer is defined as a person who receives no payment or expense reimbursement for their services.

- Full-Time Select & Recreational: U.S. Soccer "C" License
- Part-Time Select & Recreational: U.S. Soccer "C" License
- Volunteer Select & Recreational: U.S. Soccer "D" License
- 9U Academy Directors: U.S. Soccer "D" License

Select/Academy Soccer Coaches

The minimum coaching standards incorporating the new US Soccer Grassroots Licenses will commence September 1, 2018 and will be effective immediately.

9U-10U Select/Academy Teams:

- Head Coach: 7v7 & 9v9 In Person License or U.S. Soccer "E" License
- Assistant Coach: 7v7 & 9v9 In Person License or U.S. Soccer "E" License

10U-12U Select Teams:

- Head Coach: 9v9 & 11 In Person License or U.S. Soccer "E" License
- Assistant Coach: 9v9 & 11 In Person License or U.S. Soccer "E" License

13U-19U Select Teams:

- Head Coach: U.S. Soccer "D" License
- Assistant Coach: U.S. Soccer "D" License

Any coach with the NSCAA National Diploma or above obtained prior to 2009 will be grandfathered in under the Kentucky Youth Soccer Association minimum coaching standards. If that coach chooses to start the US Soccer Pathway, they will have to begin with the Introduction to Grassroots Coaching Course.

All new coaches will have a six-month grace period to begin the US Soccer Coaching Pathway. Coaches that don't hold the minimum required license for the age group they are coaching must show that they are in the process of working toward earning the appropriate license.

Policing of Standards

Team Managers are not permitted on the player's sideline unless the Head Coach has been ejected or in the case of an injury to a player.

Directors of Coaching or Technical Directors may be listed on the team roster; however, if they are not the official Head Coach for the team they must be listed as an Assistant Coach.

Teams wishing to participate in Kentucky Youth Soccer State Open Cup, Presidents Cup, Soccer Village Cup & Kentucky Premier League must have coaches listed on the roster as Head or Assistant Coach that meet the minimum coaching standard requirements.

Teams competing in these events will submit rosters online to the Kentucky Youth Soccer Office to be reviewed by Kentucky Youth Soccer's Technical Director before they can be approved.

If a roster is not approved, the roster and player cards will not be accessible for printing until a coach with the appropriate licensure is added to the roster.