

501 LOUISIANA SOCCER ASSOCIATION COACHES LICENSING PROGRAM

A. PURPOSE / SCOPE

The purpose of the Louisiana Soccer Association (LSA) Coaches Licensing Program is to present to coaches, on all levels, a body of knowledge which will help the coach to deal more effectively with the day-to-day requirements of his or her team. The courses provide an opportunity for the education, development and certification of coaches. Further clinics, seminars, a State Symposium and AGM Workshops are conducted annually to assist the professional growth of our coaches. Contact the LSA Office if more information is needed.

B. THE SOCCER COACHING LICENSE

The soccer license is official recognition that an individual has satisfactorily completed a particular course on coaching soccer. Presently some local associations require individuals to have a coaching license in order to coach soccer. LSA requires that all registered coaches have at least a Youth Module. Coaches have one year from when they register as a team coach to complete a coaching certification course. The state and national clinic programs offer a way to meet those requirements along with broadening a coach's knowledge of player development.

There are nine categories of soccer coaching licenses within LSA. Four are on the national level, taught at a national camp. Five are on the state level, taught by the LSA Director of Coaching and/or the State Coaching Staff. The licenses are:

<u>License</u>	<u>Taught By</u>	<u>Prerequisite</u>	<u>Requirements</u>
A	national	Participants must hold a "B" license	9 days of training, instruction and examination
B	national	Participants must hold a "C" license	9 days of training, instruction and examination
C	national	Participants must hold a "D" license	9 days of training, instruction and examination
Nat'l Youth License	national	Participants must hold an "E" certificate	6 days of training, instruction and examination
D	state	Participants must hold an "E" certificate	36 hours of instruction, training and examination
E	state	No previous certificate Required	18 hours of instruction, training and examination
Youth Modules U12 U10/U8 U8/U6	state	No previous certificate required: Beginner Coach	6 hours of instruction and training

The national licenses are described in the USSF brochure available from the LSA Office. Except where noted, the following information applies to the State Licensing Program.

C. COURSE DESCRIPTION

U6/U8 Youth Module

A six (6) hour's course involving classroom and field sessions. Designed for the parent/coach or novice coach with an emphasis on under 6 and under 8 players. Technique, psychology and FUN are introduced with an emphasis on player development. To receive the U6/U8 certificate a candidate must attend the course in its entirety.

U8/U10 Youth Module

Same as the U6/U8 module, but with an emphasis on under 8 and under 10 players.

U12 Youth Module

Same as the U6/U8 and U8/U10 modules, but with an emphasis on the under 12 players. This is a transitional age and a very important course for coaches moving from modified soccer to eleven a-side soccer.

"E" Certificate Course

Involves eighteen (18) hours of classroom and field sessions. It is designed for the coach in the Junior High School age range with greater emphasis on technique, fitness and psychological areas of the player. Introduction to fundamental training, goal keeping and introduction to tactics are included. To receive the "E", one must attend the course in its entirety and pass a written examination.

"D" License Course

The highest state license, and combines thirty-six (36) hours of classroom and field sessions. It is designed for the needs of the teenage youth player with emphasis on technical and tactical fundamental training, principles of attack and defense. Also discussed is team management, preparation and match analysis. To receive the "D", one must attend the course in its entirety and pass written and practical examinations.

D. WAIVERS

1. Waiver into the "D" must be submitted in writing to the LSA Office stating years of playing experience and at what levels and must list years of coaching experience to include what age groups. Please list any other licenses you may have obtained.
2. Approval of the request from the Director of Coaching must be given on ALL waivers of any license level. A written approval or denial letter will be sent by the Director of Coaching.

E. STATE FEES

1. COURSE FEES:

	LSA Affiliate	Non Affiliate	Audit
D Course	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$30.00
E Course	\$45.00	\$55.00	\$25.00
Youth Module	\$25.00	\$35.00	
2. Fees should be in the LSA Office or in the hands of the Course Coordinator at least one week in advance of the course. The decision whether to proceed with the course and the number

of instructors required will be based on the number of advance fees paid to determine the number of participants. Required number of advance registered participants to conduct a course: Youth Module – 10; E – 12; D – 15. If these numbers have not registered and paid their fees by one week prior to the scheduled clinic date, the clinic could be cancelled at the discretion of the Director of Coaching.

3. If a planned coaching course is cancelled prior to the scheduled date for any reason, all checks will be returned. If on the date of the planned coaching course there are less than the required numbers stated above, the course will be held and the “no-shows” will forfeit their money. Exceptions on the reason for not showing up on the date of the planned clinic will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the Director of Coaching. Persons knowing that they will be unable to attend in advance of the course should notify the LSA Office immediately and in writing.
4. Should any club wish to pay the expenses of their coaches to attend these clinics, the club can:
 - a. Register and pay the fees for each coach to LSA, or
 - b. LSA will send the club a list of the coaches from their club that have registered and paid their fees and the club can reimburse these coaches.

F. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. A six (6) month waiting period is required at the State level between licenses. All licenses are good for life.
2. It is recommended that each association have a license requirement for their coaches.
3. A schedule of licensing courses will be published in each issue of the FARPOST & on the LSA website @www.lsa-soccer.org. State license courses will be systematically held around the State to insure all associations an opportunity to elevate coaches in their areas.
4. Because the Youth Modules are in such demand in each club at the beginning of the soccer season, the Youth Modules will be scheduled as needed based on the number of registered applicants in any one area. The courses could be located in regional areas around the State or within a specific club having the required number of applicants.
5. LSA sends each coach who passes the course a license sealed with the LSA seal showing license level obtained and license number, along with a license level patch. LSA also notifies each club of their coaches passing each level and their license number. Each coach is also sent an evaluation form on the instructor to be completed and returned to the LSA Office. This allows LSA an opportunity to receive input from coaches on the instructor and the course material.
6. PRE-REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY!

G. REQUIREMENTS OF THE COACHING INSTRUCTOR

A written list of course procedures and requirements will be sent to the course instructor(s) and the course administrator.

H. FACILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH CLINIC

It is recommended that the facilities include:

1. A classroom area with access to a chalkboard, VCR and television for lectures.
2. A playing area will be needed; lights will be required if sessions are held at night.
3. Access to a gym or covered playing area is needed in case of inclement weather.

I. LSA SPONSORED COACHING CLINICS

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The Coach of the Year Program is to recognize top coaches in Louisiana and throughout the United States in both the boys and girls programs.

Our search each seasonal year will be for coaches who exemplify the following characteristics:

- Dedication and service to the game
- Longevity in the program
- Sportsmanship, as exemplified by coach and his/her team
- Success within the program (not a record of wins and losses)
- Success in developing players for the next level of play.

Each association is responsible for establishing the method and criteria for selecting its nominee.

Notification of when to submit nominations, using the LSA Coach of the Year Nomination Form, will be sent to each club in the spring. A committee will be appointed by the Youth Recreational Commissioner to evaluate all nominations and select one coach for the boys and one coach for the girls to receive the LSA Coach of the Year Awards. The awards will be presented at the LSA Annual General Meetings and their names will be forwarded to Region III for further consideration for the Region III Coach of the Year Award.

503 FORMS

Instructor's Expense Report Form
LSA Coaching Clinic Course Evaluation Form
Course Request Form
Course Administrator Protocol Form
LSA Coach of the Year Nomination Form
Free Clinic Request Form