

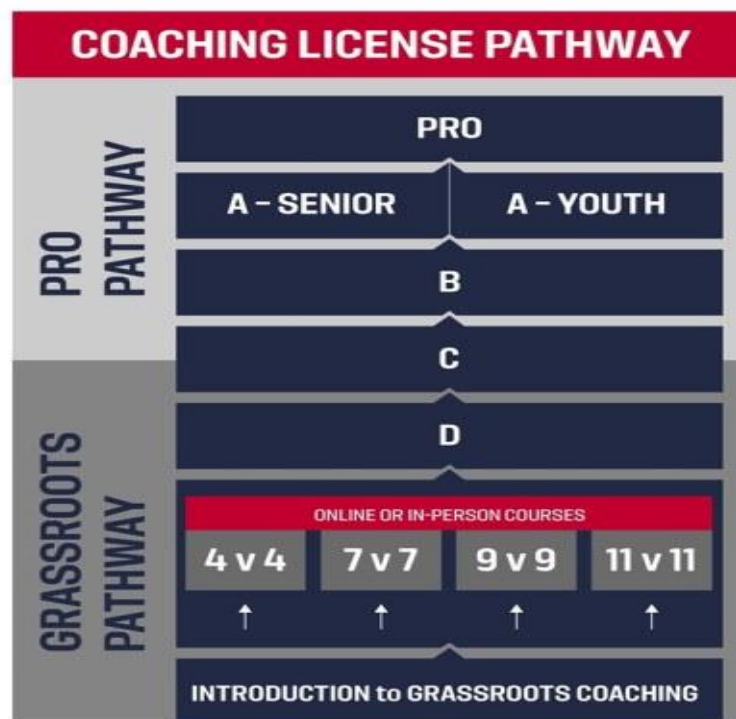
Grassroots Pathway Initiatives US Soccer Coach Courses

Effective January 2018, US Soccer introduced 8 new coaching levels. The focus will be to empower coaches through experiential learning and player-centered approaches. The new Grassroots Licensing courses consist of four (4) in-person and four (4) online experiences. Coaches have the option to take any of these new courses, in any sequence, after completing a free introductory module provided by US Soccer.

- **This applies to all coaches, assistant coaches, and trainers within their first year of coaching.**
- **AND any coaches currently licensed.**

Effective January 17, 2018, concurrently with the rollout of the new courses, these are the changes for current licenses with the US Soccer Coaching Pathway.

- The current F and E licenses will still be recognized but phased out. These licenses will remain relevant to advance within the pathway.
- The current D course will be updated but current licenses are not affected.
- The new Initiatives will not affect the current C, B, A and Pro licenses.



- **How do I know what class to take if I am a new coach without a license or current licensed coach?**
 - Determine your coaching goals.
 - I want to coach at State level tournaments and further my coaching education
 - ✓ Take the online courses which are age appropriate or all 4 as time allows
 - ✓ Enroll in the Wichita 7v7 in-person course or any other 3 offered by KSYSA.
 - Love coaching my kids but not interested in a D or higher license
 - ✓ Not required to take in-person course. Should choose best age appropriate online course.

- **What are the Grassroots Coaching online modules? What is the cost for each?**
Just as the in-person classes, there are 4 online modules for the 4v4, 7v7, 9v9 and 11v11 age divisions. This can be taken separately based on your coaching goals. Choose the age division best suited to your team to take the online course only. Cost is \$25 each age module paid online at time of registration.
- **What is the Introduction to Grassroots Coaching module?**
The Introduction online module is free and required to be taken prior to registering for any of the new Grassroots Pathway online or in-person courses. The Intro further explains the requirements needed and changes made at the national level. Registration will be completed at the KSYSA website.
- **When is the next Grassroots in-person course in Wichita?**
 - **Saturday, February 24, 2018 from 12 pm - 4 pm at Maize High lecture hall.**
 - The Grassroots course in Wichita will be 7v7 only
 - Limited to no more than 15 people in the class.
 - Contact Lori Hamel in SCSA office for the registration link and more information no later than **Monday, 2/19** to ensure registered correctly.
 - Fee is \$50 for SCSA coaches only paid online at time of course registration.
- **What is the format of the Grassroots in-person course?**
It will be 4 hour course broken into classroom work and field work. Class work will be first hour, 2 hour field work and ends with hour of class work.
- **Why is the 7v7 the only class in Wichita?**
Due to the recent implementation, KSYSA Director of Coaching, Nathan Hunt, will also hold pilot courses in Topeka and Kansas City. Additional courses will be offered in June and into 2019.
- **Am I able to attend any of the pilot Grassroots in-person courses?**
Yes, you may attend any of the courses based on your current level of coaching. There is a reduced fee for coaches in your own community. Coaches attending in their own city receives the reduced rate of \$50 member rate versus the \$65 non-member rate.
- **When are the other Grassroots in-person courses this Spring?**
 - Topeka: 4v4 on Sunday, February 25, 2018
 - Kansas City: 9v9 on Saturday, March 3, 2018
 - Kansas City: 11v11 on Sunday, March 4, 2018
 - Fee to SCSA coaches will be \$65 non-member rate for classes in Topeka and Kansas City.

WHO IS REQUIRED TO TAKE THE GRASSROOT COURSES?

- **I am a new coach or haven't yet taken the F license, what course do I take if not interested in progressing to the D license?**
Begin with the online free Intro to Grassroots Coaching module. Take the online Grassroots Pathway courses that best fits the age of your team. All 4 courses may be taken but a minimum of 1 is required to coach in KSYSA and SCSA. Other courses may be taken as offered by KSYSA. Additional online coaching resources will be available for up to a year after the course is completed through the Digital Coaching Center.

- **I have a current F license, do I have to take any of the Grassroots courses?**
 - **Do you want to take additional courses to advance my license or coach a State tournament?**
 - Yes, I want to obtain a D or higher license. The 11v11 course and 1 of the remaining 3 (4v4, 7v7 or 9v9) are required to qualify to take the D course.
 - No, I am not interested in advancing my coaching credentials, the current E or F license will still be recognized and sufficient. No further courses are required but encouraged.
- **I have a current E license, what Grassroots courses are needed to move to a D license?**
Coaches who currently have an E license will be able to proceed directly to the D License. The Grassroot courses are available to you as continuing education.
- **I have a D or higher license? What is required for the Grassroots courses?**
No new courses would be required in the Grassroots Pathway and current licenses of D and higher are not impacted. All courses are updated to follow the new Pathway Initiatives so coaches are encouraged to expand their continuing education.

REGISTERING FOR THE GRASSROOT COURSES?

- **How do I register and pay for the Grassroots courses?**
 1. **Online courses** - Go to the KSYSA website, www.kansasyouthsoccer.org - Coaches - Course Licensing - US Coaches Diplomas - choose age most appropriate. Links are to go live 2/12/18.
 2. **In-person courses** - KSYSA website - Coaches - Course Licensing - In-Person Grassroots Licenses - choose location and age. Must contact SCSA office to receive registration link.
 3. **Payment** - You will register and pay for the fees online at the KSYSA website.
 - Introduction module - no charge, required before registering for online or in-person.
 - Online modules - \$25 each age division
 - In-person course - \$50 if attending in Wichita, \$65 outside of Wichita
- **I can't remember what my license level is? How can I find out?**
Got to the KSYSA website, kansasyouthsoccer.org - Coaches - Digital Coaching Center. Sign on if new or log on if returning - Courses - My Courses. You will see a list of courses if you registered through KSYSA to complete the online course. SCSA does not have access to your Digital Coaching info.
- **How will the Grassroots courses be tracked?**
All registrations and course completions will be maintained at the Digital Coaching Center (DCC). Each coach will have their own login information to monitor their own Pathway.
- **I logged into the Digital Coaching Center but didn't see my completed course?**
Go to KSYSA website - Coaches - Update Coaching Credentials to enter your completed certificate number and legal name.
- **Do I also have to take the SCSA Coach clinic with the Grassroots Pathway?**
No, the new Grassroots Pathway field work will replace the SCSA field clinic. The SCSA field portion of the coach course has been discontinued with the new implementation.