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Established to educate and further the flow of information between coaches across the nation, the Coaches Connection connects you to the US Youth Soccer Coaching Education Network.

The Coaches Connection is open to anyone, including coaches, parents, referees and administrators. Get connected with leaders in the field of coaching and player development and referee education. Stay current with discussions on such hot topics as small-sided games, recreation and competitive soccer, parent education, ethics and morals in sport, nutrition, fitness, sports medicine and much more!

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The Parent Coach Primer

The Assistant Coach Series-activity books for U-12, U-10, and U-8

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Coaching Education



COACHING EDUCATION

NATIONAL YOUTH LICENSE



The National Youth License is a course specifically designed to educate coaches on instructing young players. Youth coaches have a tremendous influence on the development of a child's life-long passion for the game, and the National Youth License was created with that in mind.

The National Youth License is a six day course focused solely on the developmentally appropriate training for children ages five through twelve. The curriculum is a mix of educational and developmental theory combined with practical training and on-field sessions.

Each day is broken down by traditional soccer age groups; U-6, U-8, U-10 and U-12. Teams of appropriate aged children are used each day in the training of the candidates. Video technology is used during the course as a method of training and evaluation for the candidates. The course concludes with each candidate being tested with written, oral and practical examinations.

The course also includes four hours of State Instructor Curriculum. Graduates of the National Youth License are then eligible to teach the youth modules at the state level, pending approval of their State Association's Director of Coaching. For a current list of upcoming National Youth License courses, log onto USYouthSoccer.org

State Level Courses

State Youth Module - U6/U8

State Level Courses (Youth Modules) These courses are designed to prepare coaches to work with young players, regardless of their experience in the game of soccer. Parents, volunteers, or experienced players will learn developmentally and age appropriate activities for the training of youth soccer players. These courses also emphasize the use of small-sided games in aiding the development of young players. The U6/U8 Module is a 6 hour course, focusing on

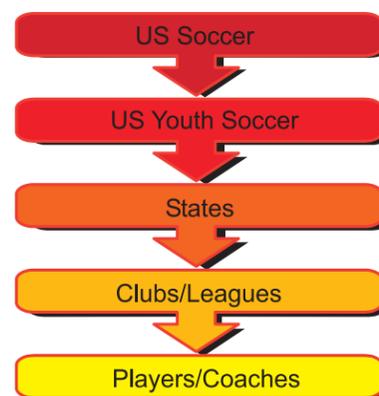
3 vs. 3 and 4 vs. 4 play. The U10/U12 Module is a 6 hour course focusing on 6 vs. 6 and 8 vs. 8 play.

The curriculum for both of the Youth Modules listed above include age-appropriate information on:

- ▶ Team Management
- ▶ Risk Management
- ▶ Prevention & Care of Sports Injuries
- ▶ Learning/Educational Theory
- ▶ Developmental Characteristics of Children
- ▶ Training Activities
- ▶ Small-Sided Games

US Youth Soccer is the largest youth sports organization in the nation and largest member of the United States Soccer Federation, the governing body of soccer in the United States.

Registering over 3 million youth players between the ages of 5 and 19. US Youth Soccer is also made up of over 600,000 volunteers and administrators and over 300,000 coaches. The new US Youth Soccer Coaching Department helps make soccer fun and instills a lifelong passion for the sport.



US Youth Soccer is a non-profit and educational organization whose mission is to foster the physical, mental and emotional growth and development of America's youth through the sport of soccer at all levels of age and competition.

To further the mission, the US Youth Soccer Coaching Department offers a number of programs to educate new youth coaches and enhance the skills of current coaches, continuing the progress of the game.

USYouthSoccer.org

A great resource for any coach, log on to learn more about the latest news in the world of youth soccer. USYouth Soccer.org features a section just for coaches; a resource center with the latest articles on coaching education, and player development; Several downloadable brochures and handbooks, and links to other resources. US Youthsoccer.org is also the on-line home of the Coaches Connection, the Parent's Resource, and Health and Safety Libraries

Resources

Video, manuals and books produced by our vast resource of coaches and educators from across the country. These materials show coaches of all levels age appropriate activities that will aid in development of their players and instill in them a love for the game. Log onto USYouthSoccer.org to learn more and purchase your copies.

Also available through US Youth Soccer are several free brochures and handbooks that will assist any coach or administrator develop their program: The Parent's Guide, Kidsafe, and Principles of Conduct. These titles and more are available for download at usyouthsoccer.org, or can be ordered in bulk by calling 800-4SOCCER.

The US Youth Soccer/adidas Workshop and Coaches Convention happens every year in February.

It's the place to be for all youth coaches and administrators. Renown instructors and clinicians from throughout the United States and abroad are selected to present during this annual event. It's a great opportunity to learn from the best and network with others. The Workshop also features an exhibit hall with 200 vendors showing the latest in uniforms, equipment, computer software and much more.