

2003 COACHES EDUCATION SCHEME

The purpose of the Louisiana Soccer Association (L.S.A.) coaches' education scheme is to present to coaches a body of knowledge, which will help coaches deal more effectively with the day-to-day requirements of a team. The various levels of courses address the needs of coaches in a progressive manner. The curricula emphasize player development based upon a "games" approach to coaching. The certificates and license are recognized nationally and lead into the National Coaching Schools offered by U.S. Soccer. All certificates and the license are good for life. There is no requirement of previous playing experience. All candidates are expected to actively participate in all classroom and field sessions, unless handicapped. Candidates must participate in all course activities and attend the course in its entirety. Candidates should bring a notebook, writing utensils, water bottle, and soccer ball and training equipment appropriate to the weather. Please study the Laws of the Game prior to the course. Candidates assume full responsibility for loss or damage due to personal injury while participating in a coaching program sponsored by L.S.A.

State coaching courses will be taught by the L.S.A. Director of Coaching or an approved L.S.A. Staff Instructor. Assignment of the course instructor is the responsibility of the L.S.A. Director of Coaching.

Course Description

U6/U8 Youth Module: A six- (6) hour's course involving classroom and field sessions. The course is 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: An eighteen- (18) hour’s course involving classroom and field sessions. The course is designed for the coach of U13 and older players with a greater emphasis on technique, fitness and psychology. This course is an introduction to 11 versus 11 soccer, economical training and tactics. Player development is the cornerstone of the course. This course is a prerequisite to the “D” license course. To receive the “E” certificate a candidate must attend the course in its entirety and pass a written examination.

“D” License: The highest state license combines thirty-six- (36) hours of classroom and field sessions. The course is designed for the coach of teenage players. Emphasis is upon player development, including technical functional training and team tactics. Also discussed is team management and match analysis. To receive the “D” license a candidate must attend the course in its entirety, show skill demonstration ability, and receive passing grades on all written and video examinations and the coaching practical. This course will prepare coaches for whom this is their final coaching course as well as those who plan to pursue a national license. The “D” license course has three possible outcomes:

1. Pass with a national “D”
2. Pass with a state “D”
3. Fail

With a national “D” a coach may go onto a National Coaching School after one year. A state “D” license coach must retake the “D” course and pass with a national “D” before being allowed to attend a National Coaching School.

In the “D” course those who earn a 5 Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) fail the course and will receive a certificate of participation. Coaches passing with a 4 G.P.A. will receive a state “D” license. Coaches who pass with a 3 to a 1 G.P.A. will receive a national “D” license. Requests for a waiver into the “D” license course should be submitted to the L.S.A. Director of Coaching in writing accompanied by a brief soccer resume. Waivers will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis considering the candidate’s experience, formal playing experience, educational background, and formal coaching education and the age group the candidate is presently coaching.

Course Prerequisites

“D” --- “E” certificate, N.S.C.A.A. Regional Diploma or equivalent and a minimum age of 16 years old is required.

“E” --- No previous coaching necessary, but a minimum age of 15 years old is required.

Youth Modules --- No previous coaching necessary, but a minimum age of 14 years old is required.

There are a required minimum number of advance-registered candidates to conduct a course.

Youth Modules: 10

“E” Certificate: 12

“D” License: 15

If these numbers have not registered and paid their fees to the host club by one week prior to the scheduled course then the course will be cancelled. If a scheduled course is cancelled prior to the course date then all monies will be returned. The host club will be charged for the minimum number of candidates for any course cancelled less than one

week prior to the scheduled date. Each course will require a local course site administrator who will make arrangements for a classroom and field, promote the course locally and contact the L.S.A. office if the minimum number of candidates will not be met. The local course site administrator must require candidates to pre-register and pay a deposit.

Fees

The course fees, including materials, are:

| COURSE | L.S.A. AFFILIATED | NON-AFFILIATED |
|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Youth Module | \$25.00 | \$40.00 |
| “E” Certificate | \$45.00 | \$60.00 |
| “D” License | \$80.00 | \$95.00 |
| Audit | Half of the normal course | Fee |

Checks or money orders should be made out to the *LOUISIANA SOCCER ASSOCIATION*. Please do not bring cash! Fees are due at the beginning of the course.

Clinics

Clubs that are members of the L.S.A. may request clinics for their coaches or players. Each clinic is up to two hours long and is taught by a State Staff Coach. The clinic may be held on the field or in the classroom or a combination of the two. A club may host up to ten clinics each soccer year. The clinics are ***FREE*** to affiliated clubs. For non-affiliated clubs the cost is \$10.00 per participant. The minimum number of participants needed to conduct a clinic is five. A club’s Coaching Director or designated board member should contact the L.S.A Director of Coaching to arrange for a clinic.

State Coaching Symposium

At the beginning of each November the L.S.A. conducts a Symposium for coaches of all levels and experience. This Symposium is taught by some of the best instructors in the U.S.A. The Symposium is held over one and a half days. The fee is \$40.00. For further details contact the L.S.A office.

Summer Annual General Meeting Coaches’ Workshops

During the A.G.M. workshops are offered for administrators and coaches. They are free to members of the L.S.A. The workshops are held on the Saturday of the A.G.M. and bring national speakers to our state. The A.G.M. is held in July in the greater New Orleans area. The Workshops are FREE and open to the public.

Seminars

L.S.A. offers seminars on sports psychology each quarter of the year. These are held at various college campuses around the state on a weekday evening. Dr. Lance Green, chair of the Sports Sciences Department at Tulane University, coordinates these seminars in conjunction with the L.S.A. Director of Coaching. Please check the list of coaching courses for dates, times and locations. The cost is \$20.00 per person.

Schedule

Courses and clinics are conducted around the state at any time upon request. Clubs that wish to host a course or clinic should contact the L.S.A. Director of Coaching at

coachsnow@lsa-soccer.org or FAX at (225) 766-0623 or call at (225) 766-0815. Individuals who wish to learn of a course in their area should contact their local soccer club, the District Coaching Coordinator or the L.S.A. office. Course and clinic information is on the L.S.A. website at www.lsa-soccer.org and is also printed in the quarterly publication the **FARPOST**.

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L.S.A. by-law: Section 501, paragraph F. line 1.
A six- (6) months-waiting period is required at
the State level between licenses.