

What happened to the F and E Licenses?

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The U.S. Soccer F and E Coaching courses will no longer be offered to new candidates as a part of the U.S. Soccer Coaching License Pathway.

While candidates currently registered for the F or E course have the opportunity to complete the course process, earn said license and apply the license within the new pathway framework, new candidates will no longer be able to register for these courses. Instead, new **Grassroots** Course opportunities have been developed and added to the pathway, replacing the existing starting phase of the U.S. Soccer Coaching Pathway.

- Coaches who currently hold the U.S. Soccer E License will be able to proceed directly to the U.S. Soccer D License course (no development period) after completing the (cost free) Introduction to **Grassroots** Coaching module.
- Those that hold the F License will have the ability to move to the D License course after completing the Introduction to **Grassroots** Coaching module along with the 11v11 in-person course and one additional in-person **grassroots** course opportunity, either the 4v4, 7v7 or 9v9.

How do I progress to the D License?

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A unique combination of three of the eight **Grassroots** Licenses now formally represent the prerequisite to progress to the U.S. Soccer D License (replacing the E and F Licenses). New coaches will use the [U.S. Soccer Digital Coaching Center](#) to sign up for, and complete, a minimum of three **grassroots** courses, in the form of two in-person courses and one online course:

- Two in-person courses (one of which must be the 11v11)
- One online course across any of the four levels (4v4, 7v7, 9v9, 11v11)

Coaching candidates who have already completed or begun to take the E or F Licenses courses will have the following opportunities to use the certifications towards the D License prerequisites:

- U.S. Soccer E License + Introduction to **Grassroots** Coaching Module
- U.S. Soccer F License + Introduction to **Grassroots** Coaching Module + 11v11 in-person license + one other in-person license

What are the prerequisites for the **Grassroots** Licensing Courses?

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The Introduction to **Grassroots** Coaching Module serves as the first step in obtaining any one of the eight new **Grassroots** Licenses: four in-person courses and four online courses across the four **grassroots** levels: 4v4, 7v7, 9v9, 11v11. The eight course options relate directly to small-sided games and the respective age-groups outlined in the U.S. Soccer [Player Development Initiatives](#).

After completing the Introduction to **Grassroots** Coaching Module, candidates can progress to any of the eight **grassroots** license course opportunities through the [U.S. Soccer Digital Coaching Center](#). This unlocked approach to the foundation of the pathway allows coaches to seek out education related to the environment that they are coaching in.

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