

## Coaching Certification Guidelines

Per PA West, USSF (US Soccer Federation) changed the coaching program. They are moving to the "Grassroots Initiative" which is not yet completely launched (as of 2/22/2018)

They no longer issue F and E licenses, only those who already have them are acceptable.

Coaches who do not have any prior coaching education can take the intro to grassroots, and then be ready when they release the rest of the required courses.

Currently, only course online is the Introduction to Grassroots Coaching.

To take the course:

Go to [www.ussoccer.com](http://www.ussoccer.com)

Go towards bottom and look for coaching education (Registrar notes: go all the way to the bottom of the page to the site map, and click Coaching Education)

It will come up Coaching Education Digital Coaching Center

Click on the 'click here to access the digital coaching center

Go to the top navigation bar and click on Courses

It should open to available courses. Currently it shows Introduction to Grassroots Coaching

On the right, it will see a blue box, you will need to log-in to register for the course. If you do not already have a log in (unlikely in spring 2018 because it is new, please create a log in).

Once you login or create an account, in the blue box it will say 'Start the Introduction' with a blue box 'begin course.' (Registrar notes: I had to go back to the top where it said courses to be able to start)

At the end, you will get an email saying you have completed the course. (Registrar notes: The email went to spam, so please check for it)

Hold on to that email for now. You should receive an email when the next level of online courses are available.