

FALL 2019:

ALL COACHES MUST COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE TRAINING SESSION IN ORDER TO COACH A FCAYS TEAM IN THE FALL 2019 SEASON AND BEYOND.

FCAYS is committed to providing the absolute best soccer experience for the families of this community. We ask for your continued support of this commitment by signing up and attending the age-appropriate training sessions.

If you have any questions about which session to sign up for, please contact FCAYS Vice-President Doug Grimsley (dgrimsley@dmclaw.com). If you have any questions or issues with the registration process, please contact Amy Fogle at PA West (412) 856-8011. All other questions can be directed to FCAYS President, Jake Williams (jakewill@cdiprint.com).

Schedule and Location of Training Sessions:

Lauri Ann West Community Center

1220 Powers Run Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15238

(Please check in at front desk for where to go to start your training session)

Thursday, May 16, 2019: 4 v 4 (U8 level and below)

5:30-9:30 (Field Training from 5:30-7:30 and classroom from 7:30-9:30)

Friday, May 17, 2019: 7 v 7 (U9 and U10)

5:30-9:30 (Field training from 5:30-7:30 and classroom from 7:30-9:30)

Saturday, May 18, 2019: 9 v 9 (U11 and U12)

8:30-12:30 (Classroom from 8:30-9:30; Field training from 9:30-11:30, Classroom from 11:30-12:30)

Saturday, May 18, 2019: 11 v 11 (U13 and up)

1:00-5:00 (Classroom from 1:00-2:00; Field training from 2:00-4:00, Classroom from 4:00-5:00)

***** Please sign up for the age group which you will be playing in the Fall 2019 season.**

** Field players are necessary for the outside portion of the training sessions and must be provided by the host club. Please bring your soccer players out for the field training portions of the sessions.

Registration Info:

**** Important new information: We now have discount codes for each coach! Please contact Doug Grimsley directly (dgrimsley@dmclaw.com) for your code!!! If you take more than one class, you must get a separate code for each class registration. If you have already registered and paid for the class and would like to be reimbursed, please contact Doug and a check will be mailed to you.**

**Candidates must create a profile in the US Soccer Digital Coaching Center (many of you already have one): <http://dcc.ussoccer.com>. Please note: when creating your profile in the DCC

please make sure your name, birth date, and email address match your PA West Soccer Online Registration Admin Profile. This will allow the two systems to sync and your license to be automatically added to your Admin Profile.

****Candidates must then watch The 20 Minute Online Video - Introduction to Grassroots Pathway - prior to registering for any course. Upon completion you will receive a certificate and then get access to registration to the available courses.**

**** Once you have access to the registration, select the course that you would like to attend and click on that course.**

**** If the course is full, you will be put on a waitlist and receive an e-mail from US Soccer. Do not register for another course. This will create duplicate records and you will be charged twice.**

**** If you are put on a waitlist, please call Amy Fogle at the State Office (412) 856-8011 and she can assist getting you into the course you want. **All FCAYS coaches are guaranteed a spot at the training sessions hosted by the Club.****

Frequently asked Questions and Answers

1) “What age group will my child be for the Fall 2019-Spring 2020 seasons?”

For the 2019-2020 Season here is a breakdown of the ages and what level of play is applied:

U6-U8 = 2012-2015 birth years
4 v 4 (and 5 v 5 for U8) training

U9-U10 = 2010-2011 birth years
7 v 7 training

U11-U12: 2008-2009 birth years
9 v 9 training

U13 and older = 2007 and older birth years
11 v 11 training

2) What class do I register for if I coach multiple teams at different age groups?

Please register for the class of the highest level you will be coaching in the Fall of 2019 season. For example, if you will be coaching U9 and U7, please take the 7v7 training.

HOWEVER – the spirit of the requirement is not to take the 11 v 11 class and then think you are OK to coach all age groups below. PA West will not accept this strategy and will not issue you a coaching card for younger age groups.

3) At what age group are coaching cards required on the sidelines?

*PA West issues coaching (and player) cards for Sunday teams - U11+ for recreational play, and U10+ for D4 (Travel) play. However, we would like all U9 and older coaches to obtain their coaching cards.

*If you are coaching at age groups where both require a coaching card, you should register for both levels of play (example: 11 v 11 and 7 v 7).

*If you have one team that requires a coaching card and are also coaching an in-house team, please take the course that requires the card.

*If you have doubt, questions or a special situation – contact Doug Grimsley (dgrimsley@dmclaw.com).

4) Do assistant/co-coaches need to get certified?

If you will be an assistant/co-coach in an age group that requires a coaching card from PA West (U9 and above) then you need to be certified. You cannot be on the coaches' sideline without a coaching card. If you will be a U8 and below assistant/co-coach next season you do not need to attend the classes. The head coach for each team will suffice. If you are not a head coach now at U8 and below but would like to be in the Fall Season or future seasons– please register for the appropriate age group session.

5) Do I need to attend a certification session if I hold a “A” thru “E” license? (the previous US Soccer model).

If you have a national “D” license or above you do not need to register for any class. It is highly recommended that you take the on-line presentation for any age group you plan to coach (the online presentations are free and do not require a Discount Code). You will need to provide proof to the club – and PA West – that you hold a current and approved “D” license (or above) to receive your coaching card from PA West for future seasons. If you have questions about what previous “A” through “D” license you hold and whether it is approved or not, or if your license is not appearing on your PA West profile, please contact Amy Fogle at PA West.

** Note this exemption only applies to “D” licenses and above. It does not apply to those who took the PA West age-specific online courses in 2017 – those courses/certifications are no longer valid and you must register for one of the new courses.

Additional notes:

**FCAYS is extremely appreciative of everything that the volunteer coaches do for our players. We understand the time and commitment required each season and we as a club are very proud of the level of support we get each season from our parent-coaches. The Club is making every effort to make the process of complying with the new coaching requirements as easy as possible for our coaches.

**To that end, the Club will pay all costs associated with the training sessions for FCAYS coaches.

**While there may be other training sessions scheduled by other clubs before the Fall 2019 season starts, the training sessions below will be the only sessions hosted by FCAYS.