



Coaching License Process

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Purpose

RDYSL board believes the quality of soccer can be improved in the Rochester area by having licensed coaches on each team. Everyone in the league can share in the effort to complete this task. The RDYSL board feels that one way they can participate in moving this initiative forward is to help offset the club's cost for the coaching license class.

This document focuses on the 2026 season and the requirements for the reimbursement process.

Timeline

Prior statements from the league indicated that at least one staff member on each team would be required to have a coaching license for the 2026 season. Because the rollout of this program was not well communicated, the league will lift this requirement for 2026. However in 2027 we will reinstate the enforcement of the requirement that each team must have at least one licensed coach.

For the 2026 season the league will encourage coaches to get a license. To help with the cost of the courses the league will reimburse the club.

Reimbursement Process

- The licensing course must have been taken between September 1, 2025 and May 1, 2026.
- Reimbursement will be given for four (4) or more coaches from the same club that successfully complete a licensing course. If less than four (4) coaches take a licensing course no reimbursement will be given.
- The club must submit a copy of the certificate the coach received upon completion of the course to the email address coachlicense@rdysl.com. Please submit all the licenses in one email. The body of the email must contain the name of your club.
- After submitting the email the club will be credited \$100 toward their yearend statement.
- The list below shows the licenses that will qualify for reimbursement for the 2026 season. These are only the Pathway Grassroots courses.



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Supported Licenses

License	2026 Reimbursement	Allowed Team License
USSF Pathway Grassroots 7v7 Online	✓	✓
USSF Pathway Grassroots 7v7 In-Person	✓	✓
USSF Pathway Grassroots 9v9 Online	✓	✓
USSF Pathway Grassroots 9v9 In-Person	✓	✓
USSF Pathway Grassroots 11v11 Online	✓	✓
USSF Pathway Grassroots 11v11 In-Person	✓	✓
USSF Pathway D License		✓
USSF Pathway C License		✓
USSF Pathway B License		✓
USSF Pathway A License - Youth		✓
USSF Pathway A License - Senior		✓
USSF Pathway Pro		✓
UEFA C License		✓
UEFA B License		✓
UEFA A License		✓