

# OYSA COACHING LICENSE WAIVER GUIDELINES 2011

US Soccer Federation controls the Licensing for coaches across the country. US Soccer runs the 'A' and 'B' License courses and a number of 'C' Licenses. Each of the US Youth Soccer State Affiliates are mandated to appoint a State Director of Coaching, who is in charge of the Licensing at the State level. Each state runs the 'D' and 'E' License qualifications and can request to host a National 'C' License.

US Soccer also requires each coach to wait a full 12 months before attempting to secure the subsequent higher license.

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## C License

Only US Soccer can provide a waiver to the 'C' License. To waive a coach through the 'D' License to participate in the 'C' License, US Soccer uses the criteria that he/she must have played 3 years with the National Team or alternatively 3 years professionally, providing verifiable documentation.

Please find attached OYSA guidelines for coaches that want to bypass a License. Please find below, certain stipulations that will be **considered** (not granted) for entrance into the 'D' License.

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## D License

OYSA recommends that every coach should attend the 'E' License. Many States around the country mandate this.

One of the reasons that providing a waiver is discouraged is that the D License is the first license to be a pass/fail situation, so it is often good to have that experience practice coaching in front of your peers in the 'E' for those coaches that have limited experience coaching, regardless of their level of play.

## **CRITERIA:**

The following factors will be considered for waiver of 'E' License and entrance into the 'D':

- ✍ **WAIVER OF 12 MONTH WAITING PERIOD:** Attendance and successful completion of an OYSA 'E' License and recommendation of the OYSA Instructor to waive waiting period of 12 months will be considered. Candidates must provide copy of 'E' License, brief coaching resume and names of the instructor(s) who taught the 'E' License.
- ✍ **COACHING CERTIFICATION:** Attendance at other formal coaching courses may be considered for a waiver. Candidates must provide copies of all Licenses/Diplomas awarded. Relevant courses include but are not limited to OYSA, NSCAA, ACEP, AYSO, UEFA and other Foreign Soccer Federation Courses.
- ✍ **RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL TRAINING/CERTIFICATION:** This includes but not limited to Kinesiology Degrees, Sport Science Professional background, and Teacher Certification. Candidates must provide a copy of Diploma/Certification.
- ✍ **COLLEGE PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** Confirmation that the Candidate has played in a formal teaching environment for an experienced 'A' or 'B' Licensed coach who is familiar with US

Soccer methodology. The minimum level of college playing experience is 4 years. Candidates must provide supporting documentation of their 4 years experience.

- ✍ **PROFESSIONAL PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** The minimum level of professional playing experience for a candidate to be considered for a waiver into the 'D' License is 1 year. Candidates must provide supporting documentation of their professional experience.
- ✍ **CLUB HEAD COACH/PRACTICAL COACHING EXPERIENCE:** Candidates must have at least 5 years experience in the U12 - U19 Premier Competitive programs. This must be verified by a note or email from the State Association and accompanied by a letter of recommendation from their Club Director of Coaching.

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## **E License**

Although the US Soccer Federation requires a full year between Licenses, OYSA will on a limited basis, take into account the 'E' License instructors recommendation that a coach should not have to wait a year before taking his/her 'D' License. This is the only step between Licensing that can be reduced from the full 12 months.


## **OYSA WAIVER PROCEDURES**

Candidates who wish to attend higher level courses such as the "D" may do so through the waiver process. This provides coaches with extensive soccer experience, coaching and playing, to move on to higher-level courses without going through lower level courses to meet prerequisites.

Waivers are not generally accepted. The only consideration for a waiver will be the candidate's ability to provide verification of prior experience (above) and practical knowledge of the coaching methodology at the E course level.

## **WAIVER REQUEST PROCEDURE:**

- ✍ The candidate must submit the OYSA waiver application by submitting a letter of request indicating which of the above criteria they are eligible and applying for. Candidates must also submit copies of all relevant Licenses, Diplomas, and Certifications as well as a resume that includes education and qualifications as well as playing and coaching experience.
- ✍ The candidate will also fill out a coaching session lesson plan on the form from the 'D' License candidate manual that can be found at <http://www.ussoccer.com/Coaches/Resources.aspx> (see page 122) and submit it together with their application.
- ✍ If all relevant documents do not accompany the waiver application, the application will be denied. These can be submitted by mail or by email to Oregon Youth Soccer Association, 4840 SW Western Avenue, Suite 800, Beaverton, OR 97005.

 The application will be reviewed in a timely manner by the OYSA Technical Director. The candidate, the host club and the OYSA Instructors will be notified of the final decision.

***PLEASE NOTE: A WAIVER IS NOT THE GRANTING OF A LICENSE, IT MERELY ALLOWS THE CANDIDATE TO BEGIN THE COACHING EDUCATION PROCESS AT A HIGHER LEVEL.***

***PROCEDURES FOR THE A, B, C AND YOUTH LICENSES MAY BE FOUND HERE:***  
<http://www.ussoccer.com/Coaches/Licenses/National-C.aspx>

***APPLICATION FORM MAY BE FOUND HERE:***  
[http://images.ussoccer.com/Documents/cms/ussf/Coaching\\_School\\_Waiver\\_Application.pdf](http://images.ussoccer.com/Documents/cms/ussf/Coaching_School_Waiver_Application.pdf)