



National Goalkeeping Course

Overview

The U.S. Soccer National Goalkeeping License is designed for both the team coach and the Goalkeeper coach. The license will develop and expand goalkeeping knowledge at the youth, collegiate, senior and professional levels and will cover the principles and the components that go into developing goalkeepers.

Designed as a compliment to U.S. Soccer's License courses, the eight-day school includes field and classroom sessions and concludes with intensive testing on theoretical and practical applications of the game. The course also includes valuable instruction in coaching methodology, team management and fitness.

The course will instruct coaches how to plan and manage their goalkeeper's development over the course of an entire season. The course features in-depth coverage of the technical, tactical, psychological and fitness components of the goalkeeper position.

Course Eligibility

National Goalkeeping License is non-expiring.

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, and have earned the following in order to be eligible for the course:

Registration is open to coaches who currently hold a U.S. Soccer "A" or "B" license or those coaches who match these requirements with another license, diploma or professional experience.

- U.S. Soccer National "A" License, **or**
- U.S. Soccer National "B" License, **or**
- A foreign license, diploma or professional experience; reviewed by the U.S. Soccer Coaching Department.

U.S. Soccer "A" License coaches will receive eight (8) Continuing Education Credits upon completion of the course.

Note: We strongly recommend that you be in good physical condition to meet the demands of the course.





Documentation for Waiver Applicants

If applying for a waiver, applicant must submit proof, such as photocopies of contracts, or verification by owner on official team letterhead. Documentation of coaching experience and playing experience is required.

- **Proof of eligibility must accompany application (copy of National License, NSCAA Diploma, Foreign License, etc.).**
- **Applicant must submit documentation of coaching and playing experience on official team letterhead stating the specific years coached/played. All documentation must be signed by a ranking (President, GM, Director of Coaching) official of the club.**

All foreign documentation must include a notarized English translation.

Mail the documentation to the following address:

U.S. Soccer Federation
Attention: Coaching Department
1801 S. Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

Application

Your completed application must be received by the national office along with the following:

- A non-refundable, non-transferable \$100.00 application fee or full tuition in the form of a cashier's check, money order or company/club check made payable to U.S. Soccer. If you wish to use your American Express, MasterCard or Visa credit card, please be advised that the **full payment** will be charged when your application is processed.

Mail Applications to:
U.S. Soccer Federation
Attn: Coaching Dept. (GK License)
1801 South Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

- One recent passport size photograph.
- Documentation necessary to substantiate eligibility (copy of U.S. Soccer License)

If required documents do not accompany coaching school application, it will be returned. Faxed or e-mailed applications will **not** be accepted.

Space is limited for all National Coaching Schools. Applicants failing to submit final payment by the deadline (four weeks prior to the start of the course) will have their registration cancelled.





Cancellation Policy

Please be advised that the \$100 deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable. A late cancellation fee of \$300.00 plus deposit (\$100) will be assessed to candidates who cancel less than three (3) weeks from the start of the course, regardless of circumstance. All cancellations must be made in writing to coaches@ussoccer.org. Candidates admitted to the course who fail to attend will forfeit their entire course tuition.

Information on travel, check-in procedures and suggested equipment will be e-mailed to fully paid applicants approximately three (3) weeks prior to the start of the course.

U.S. Soccer **advises against** finalizing travel arrangements until registration is confirmed. U.S. Soccer is not responsible for airline penalties or any other costs.

Pre-Course Assignment

A pre-course homework will be assigned to each confirmed candidate. Each candidate must submit two (2) goalkeeping specific lesson plans based on a pre-assigned topic

Evaluation

Candidates undergo a challenging series of written, oral and practical examinations on a variety of subjects. Graded on a scale of 1 (high) to 5 (fail), candidates must receive passing scores in all test areas in order to become licensed. A single failing score in a theoretical subject qualifies for a re-test in that subject. All re-tests will take place at the conclusion of the course. A single failing score in either of the methodology subjects will result in a failing grade for the course with no re-testing. If a candidate is found deficient in only Game Awareness, they may still pass the course.

If a candidate misses any of the course sessions/lectures, they must return to a future school within one-year to participate in that session/lecture, even if the candidate has passed all of the testing areas. License will be withheld until this requirement is fulfilled.

Grading Policy:

- Candidates are graded on a scale of 1 (high) to 5 (fail).
- Candidates must receive passing scores in all test areas in order to receive a license.
- A single failing score in either of the methodology subjects will result in a failing grade for the course with no re-tests.
- If a candidate is found deficient in only playing and demonstrating ability they may still pass the course.
- If a candidate fails to submit a completed homework assignment, their grade will be withheld until such homework is submitted.
- The Goalkeeping License is non-expiring.

Upon completion of the U.S. Soccer Goalkeeping License, attendees with an "A" License will receive eight Continuing Education (CEUs) credits - the entire compliment needed to keep their license current.






Course Results

If “B” candidates receive a passing grade of 3.2 or above they must wait three (3) years before attempting the “A” License. However, if they audit an “A” course within that three-year period, they will be permitted to attempt the “A” License after the minimum 12-month waiting period.



Mail Application To:
 U.S. Soccer Coaching Dept.
 1801 South Prairie Avenue
 Chicago, IL 60616
 Phone: (312) 808-1300
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Staple one (1)
 personal photo here
 (passport, .jpeg, digital
 photo, etc.)
**Write name and course
 location on back
 of picture**

Name: _____ Male or Female (circle)
 E-mail: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____
 Cell Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>License Level</u>
Carson, Calif. Jan. 24-31	The Home Depot Center	GK

Requirements

- U.S. Soccer National "A" License, **or**
- U.S. Soccer National "B" License, **or**
- A foreign license, diploma or professional experience; reviewed by the U.S. Soccer Coaching Department.

Course Info

- Applicant should receive an e-mail response within 72 hours from receipt of application. All correspondence is done via e-mail.
- Confirmed candidates will receive an e-mail with detailed instructions on when to arrive, local airports and departure times.
- Candidates should secure flights only after receiving written confirmation from U.S. Soccer.
- Registration is from 1-3pm for all other candidates on day 1. First lecture begins at 3:30pm.
- Final session will end no later than 1pm on Jan. 31.
- Transportation is the responsibility of each confirmed candidate.

Resident (Active membership with CoachesNet)	\$925.00
Resident (Non active-member with CoachesNet)	\$975.00
<i>* Includes housing plus all meals</i>	
Commuter (Active membership with CoachesNet)	\$625.00
Commuter (Non active-member with CoachesNet)	\$675.00
<i>*Does not include housing or breakfast</i>	

Resident (hotel required) or **Commuter** (no hotel required)

Roommate Request: _____

(Resident candidate only)

Rooms are based on double occupancy. Candidates who indicate none or do not chose a roommate will be randomly paired.

Single room request – based upon availability

add \$325 (in addition to tuition – Doubletree Hotel, Carson, Calif. - Home Depot course)

Member (CoachesNet) or **Non-Member** (CoachesNet)

Member/User ID: _____ Expiration Date: _____

**this field is not required if member does not recall member/UserID.*

License (highest): _____

NIKE T-shirt Size: (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL)

Please include a CoachesNet scouting/planning book with my registration:

How many? _____ \$8 per book

Payment Information *(Please note: if a credit card is submitted, entire fee will be charged upon acceptance to course)*

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Credit Card Type: American Express MasterCard Visa

Signature of Card Holder: _____ Date: _____

Payment Included: \$ _____ *Money Order, Certified Check or Company/Club check accepted*

Voluntary Contribution U.S. Soccer Foundation National Training Center Hall of Fame \$ _____

For Office Use Only: Date Received: _____ Balance Due: _____

