

Compulsory coach education

2024



What is it?

- NWSF association coaches must complete a coach education qualification:

Age group	Qualification required	Previous equivalent
U6 to U8s	Miniroos Certificate	Miniroos Certificate
U9 to U12s	Foundations of Football	Skill Training Certificate
U13 to U18s Division 1 and 2	Foundations of Football	Game Training Certificate
Super League and Premier League	Foundations of Football OR C Diploma	Senior Certificate

- This applies to male, mixed and female team coaches

Note

- In 2024, the coaching pathway and coach education registration system has changed
- Previous certificates included the Skill Training, Game Training and Senior Certificate. These have now become the one course - the Foundations of Football
 - The Foundations of Football is now a prerequisite to enrolling in a C Diploma
- Coaches who completed Skill Training, Game Training or Senior Certificate in the past 3 years will be transferred to now hold the Foundations of Football qualification
 - Note all courses have a 3 year expiry date from the date of completion
- The new registration system is live at <https://learn.footballaustralia.com.au/>

Why compulsory coach education?

- To increase the quality of our player's football experience, as this is the number one reason why people choose to stay/leave the game
- To increase the quality of our coaching
- To improve the development of our people and players
- To increase the enjoyment levels and longevity of coaches
- To decrease the need for time spent on getting coaches to coaching courses from clubs
- To engage high level young players in our Premier League and Super League competitions

What do DOCs do?

- Allocate the coach to a team by the start of preseason
- Check which coaches have completed qualifications as per above. A reminder that coaches who have completed previous qualifications in the last 3 years are now recognised as having a Foundations of Football
- If they are not qualified, get them to book into one of the below courses. All are free to the participant. The club and association will cover the course costs but please be aware there is an expectation you will coach or manage one of the clubs teams.
- When putting in your team registrations, ensure the coach is registered as the team coach

What happens if clubs are not qualified?

- Remember this is not a “tick the box” process, but is so you can ensure your players and parents will have a positive experience at your club. The compulsory criteria is to make this expectation easier for clubs and coaches.
- We intend to recognise through social media and our website clubs with full compliance

What do coaches do?

- Check your coaching qualification by going to FA's new coach education system, <https://learn.footballaustralia.com.au/>
- If your qualification is not complete, not valid for your 2024 age group, or out of date (all qualifications are valid for 3 years) then enrol in available courses at <https://learn.footballaustralia.com.au/>, using your PlayFootball login.
 - All courses are free. NWSF coaches should use the discount code **FFNWSF-FREE** to take 100% off the advertised price, to be used at registration.
 - **This code is for the exclusive use of NWSF coaches only.**
- Full details of each course are on the following pages.

Course information

Miniroos Certificate (U6 to U8 coaches)

What	Register	Date	Time	Location
Miniroos Certificate @ Epping FC	Register here	Friday, March 22, 2024	6pm to 9pm	West Epping Oval
Miniroos Certificate @ Normanhurst Eagles	Register here	Saturday, March 23, 2024	10am to 1pm	Normanhurst Oval
Miniroos Certificate - North Zone	Register here	Monday, April 8, 2024	6.30pm to 9.30pm	Pennant Hills Park
Miniroos Certificate - East Zone	Register here	Monday, April 15, 2024	6.30pm to 9.30pm	Christie Park
Miniroos Certificate - West Zone	Register here	Monday, April 22, 2024	6.30pm to 9.30pm	View Street
Miniroos Certificate - South Zone	Register here	Monday, May 13, 2024	6.30pm to 9.30pm	Meadowbank Oval
Miniroos Certificate - Female Coaches Only	Register here	Friday, May 24, 2024	6.30pm to 9.30pm	Christie Park
Miniroos Certificate - Last Chance	Register here	Monday, July 15, 2024	6.30pm to 9.30pm	Christie Park

Foundations of Football (U9 to Senior coaches)

What	Register	Date	Time	Location
Foundations of Football (complete all 3 nights)	eTrainU	Friday, April 5, 2024	6pm to 9pm	Christie Park
		Friday, April 12, 2024		
		Friday, April 19, 2024		
Foundations of Football (complete 2 nights)	eTrainU	Monday, April 22, 2024	5.30pm to 10pm	Christie Park
		Friday, April 26, 2024		
Foundations of Football (must complete 3 nights)	eTrainU	Friday, May 3, 2024	6.30pm to 9.30pm	Pennant Hills Park
		Friday, May 10, 2024		
		Friday, May 17, 2024		
Foundations of Football (must complete both nights)	eTrainU	Monday, June 3, 2024	5.30pm to 10pm	Tuckwell Park
		Monday, June 10, 2024		
Foundations of Football (1 day)	Find on Football Australia's Learning Platform later in 2024	Sunday, November 10, 2024	8am to 5pm	Christie Park

C Diploma

For the first time ever, we are running two NWSF C Diplomas in 2024.

What	Register	Date	Time	Location
C Diploma (includes the Foundations; candidates must attend all dates)	Express your interest at https://form.jotform.com/240040153960849	Friday, February 16, 2024	6pm to 10pm	Christie Park
		Saturday, February 17, 2024	8am to 5pm	Christie Park
		Sunday, February 18, 2024	8am to 4pm	West Epping
		Friday, February 23, 2024	6pm to 10pm	Christie Park
		Sunday, February 25, 2024	8am to 5pm	West Epping
C Diploma (includes the Foundations; candidates must attend all dates)	Express your interest at https://form.jotform.com/240040153960849	Part 1: June 7, 14, 21, 28 (Friday nights)	6pm to 10pm	Christie Park
		Part 2: October 4th (Friday), 5th (Saturday) / 11th (Friday) and 12th (Saturday)	Fridays: 6pm to 10pm / Saturdays 9am to 4pm	

Notes

- The full coach education calendar, including DNA In Depth, Special Presentations, GK Essentials, the Expo & Grassroots Coaching Festival, can be found at [NWSF / Coach education calendar 2024](#)
- The player development calendar (including NWSF Academy) can be found at [the same link as above](#) on the second tab
- Please contact Tim Palmer, NWSF Head of Player and Coach Development, (tim.palmer@nwsf.com.au / 0434 198 430) for support