

New Jersey Youth Soccer Hosts US Soccer/US Youth Soccer National Youth License in Newark, NJ

New Jersey Youth Soccer (NJYS) will once again host a National Youth License July 20 through July 24, 2011. The National Youth License is a 5-day course and is regarded as the “A” *License Course for Youth Coaches*. Rick Meana, Director of Coaching, NJYS and a US Youth Soccer National Instructor will lead the course. The technical segment of the course begins at 6:15 P.M. on the 20th and concludes at 4:00pm on the 24th. For those working with, or anticipating working with, young players, the National Youth License may be the most important and valuable course available to coaches of all playing levels.

Besides participating in daily field sessions and lectures/discussions, candidates are videotaped during their practical sessions, with feedback provided during group discussion sessions.

NATIONAL YOUTH LICENSE DETAILS

July 20 through July 24, 2011

The course will be held at the Best Western Robert Treat Hotel and at Branchbrook Park in Newark, NJ.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the National Youth License?

The National Youth License is designed to provide club directors of coaching, youth coaches, physical education teachers, and soccer administrators with the knowledge to successfully structure soccer environments for children aged 4-12. The NYL also now satisfies the 8 CEU requirements for USSF “A” License holders.

The role of the facilitator and the role of the coach are explored; the physical, mental and emotional needs and capabilities of players from 4-12 are explored; the lessons from developmental psychology are explored; and the art of teaching is explored. Candidates are videotaped for analysis during live training sessions.

What is required to earn a National Youth License?

In order to earn the National Youth License, candidates must:

1. Attend all field and classroom sessions
2. Submit Care and Prevention/Risk Management tests (group work)
3. Make presentations on Team/Risk Management
4. Complete a Practice Coaching session (at least 1 practice opportunity per candidate). Candidates are videotaped during these sessions. The sessions are then reviewed each evening by the staff coach and by fellow candidates.
5. Write up a personal Philosophy of Coaching
6. Complete a Practical Coaching session (formal evaluation by the coaching staff).
7. Complete a take home examination on Coaching Methods.

What should I expect from the course in terms of classroom or field participation?

Each day features classroom lecture/discussion sessions and field sessions. Candidates are strongly urged to physically prepare for the course. There are no physical tests, but participation is enjoyable and a valuable way to learn through experience.

Are there any prerequisites required for the National Youth License?

Candidates should be at least 18 years of age and hold a National “D” License. A copy of the candidates’ highest level coaching certification must accompany the application.

How much does the National Youth License cost?

The course tuition is \$650. This fee does not include room and board for those traveling from outside of the commute range.

What is included in the course fee?

The course fee includes course administration, facility rental fees, staff costs, material fees, a 1-year membership to the US Soccer Coaches Organization (current members will receive an additional year on their membership) and a US Soccer Coaches School T-shirt, 1 year membership to US Youth Soccer Coaches Connection, and lunch for 4 days.

How many people can register for the course?

The maximum enrollment is **36** candidates.

How can I register for the National Youth License?

Interested candidates can register by completing and submitting the course registration form along with a non-refundable \$125 deposit. A copy of the candidates “D” License must accompany the application. The course balance may be paid in full at the time of registration or must be submitted by June 30, 2010.

Checks should be made out to NJYS and mailed to:

New Jersey Youth Soccer

569 Abbington Drive Suite 5

East Windsor, NJ 08520

(We also accept payment with a VISA or MasterCard)

A recent photograph must be attached to the application.

Where will the field sessions be held?

The field sessions of the course will be held at Branchbrook Park in Newark, NJ.

Where would I stay in the local area?

Those wishing to stay in a hotel can stay at the course will be held at the Best Western Robert Treat Hotel in Newark, NJ.

What do I need to bring to the course check-in?

Candidates should bring any remaining payment, their Laws of the Game take-home exam, and their USSF Coaching School Coach Health Report.

Candidates need to come prepared to participate in the field sessions as well as the classroom sessions. Please bring proper soccer attire for these sessions.

Is there anything I can do to prepare for the National Youth License?

National Youth License candidates are responsible for reading the materials listed below prior to attending the course. Candidates should also print out and complete the Laws of the Game Exam (provided following registration) and bring it to the course. The following materials can be found in the “Coaches” section of the US Youth Soccer website. For directions:

Go to www.USYouthSoccer.org

- Click on “Coaches” in the menu
- From the drop menu click on National Youth License
- For the required reading choose Click Here

There you will find links and downloads for the following:

Laws of the Game

- * Official Laws-FIFA and Modified Laws for U6/U-8/U-10/U-12.
- * Laws of the Game exam

Team Management

- *Suggested Items for a First Aid Kit
- *Players Bill of Rights
- *Pre-season Recommendations
- *Some Thoughts on Warming Up
- *Team Management Ideas
- *The Team Manager
- *Integrating Novice Players

Ethics

- *Role Models for Life
- *Code of Conduct

Prevention and Care of Injuries

- *Soccer Injuries: Prevention and Care
- *<http://www.usyouthsoccer.org/coaches/NatYouthLicenseCand.asp>

What if I have other questions regarding the National Youth License?

Potential candidates with inquiries should contact the NJYS Director of Coaching, Rick Meana. He can be reached by phone in the NJYS Office at (609) 371-2673 or by e-mail at meanaclan@aol.com.