

Compulsory coach education

2025



What is it?

- Relevant NWSF association coaches must complete a coach education qualification:

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

- This applies to male, mixed and female team coaches

Note

- In 2024, the coaching pathway and coach education registration system was updated.
- Previous certificates included the Skill Training, Game Training and Senior Certificate.
- Coaches who completed in 2022 and 2023 were given recognition of prior learning.
- All courses have a 3 year expiry date, from the date of completion.

Why compulsory coach education?

- To maximise the quality of our player's football experience
 - This is the number one indicator of player retention
- To increase the quality of coaching
- To improve the development of our people
- To increase the enjoyment levels and retention of coaches
- To decrease the need for time spent on getting coaches to coaching courses from clubs
- To engage our high level players in Premier League & Super League competitions

How do DOCs support compulsory coach education?

- Allocate their coaches to their teams by the start of preseason
- Ask coaches to check their qualifications via <https://learn.footballaustralia.com.au/>
- If they do not hold the relevant qualification, coaches book into the next available course.
 - All Miniros & Foundations of Football are free to the participant.
 - The club and association will cover the course costs
 - If covered, it is an expectation the coach remains in their role for the season.
- When allocating in Dribl/PlayFootball, 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.
- Mandating courses as compulsory is to make this expectation easier for clubs and coaches.
- We intend to recognise through social media and our website clubs with full compliance.
- In future seasons, the intent is that penalties will apply for non-compliant teams & clubs

What do coaches do?

- Check their coaching qualifications at <https://learn.footballaustralia.com.au/>
- If your qualification is not complete, not valid for your 2025 age group, or expired, then enrol in available courses at <https://learn.footballaustralia.com.au/>, using your PlayFootball login.
 - All Miniros & Foundations of Football courses are free to their participant.
 - For Foundations of Football, NWSF coaches should use the discount code **FFNWSF-FREE** to take 100% off the advertised price, to be used at registration.
 - Note the coach must already be registered to their NWSF club in PlayFootball for this code to be activated.
 - **This code can only be exclusively used by NWSF registered coaches.**
- Full details of available course can be found at either <https://learn.footballaustralia.com.au/> or via  NWSF / Coach education calendar - 2025 .

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 - 2025
- The player development calendar (including NWSF Academy) can be found at [the same link as above](#) on the second tab
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