

**Coaches Licensure:** All coaches registered as of April 1, 2011 must hold a minimum of the US Soccer U-10/12 Module (or US Soccer equivalent) by the beginning of the Fall season, August 1, 2012. Any new coaches within NWOYSL have a 12 month allowance to obtain the minimum of the US Soccer U-10/12 Module (or US Soccer equivalent).

The Ohio North Coaching Education Standards, and recommendations, are summarized below.

<b>Course</b>	<b>Minimum Requirement For...</b>
U6/8 Course	N/A
Novice Coach Course U10 - U14 (Online Course)	Travel Level Coaches
U10/12 Course	Travel Level Coaches NWOYSL
D License	State League Coaches Midwest Regional League Coaches

Ohio North Youth Soccer Association (Ohio North) offers a comprehensive range of United States Soccer Federation (US Soccer) coaching education courses divided into "Parent-Coach" and "Professional" tracks.

#### **Parent-Coach Track**

The 3-hour U6/8 Course and the 14-hour U10/12 Course are designed to provide parent-coaches working at the local and travel levels with the soccer knowledge and coaching tools necessary to successfully navigate the youth soccer experience. There is no formal assessment in either course and playing background is not a requirement for certification.

#### **On-Line Novice Course**

The Novice Coach Course is a 3-hour online, self-study course designed for local and travel coaches working with the U10, U12 and U14 age groups. The Novice Coach Course serves as a) the classroom component for travel-level coaches enrolled in the U10/12 Course and b) an optional stand-alone offering for community-level coaches wishing to upgrade their knowledge and skills in working with young children.

#### **Professional Track**

The "E" License and "D" License comprise the state levels of the US Soccer National Coaching Track. The "E" License will become prerequisite to the "D" License for all Ohio North coaches beginning in September 2012. The "E" license was reconfigured by US Soccer in January 2012 to become the transition course between small-sided games (3v3 thru 9v9) and 11-a-side soccer.

The "D" license is currently being upgraded and will launch in January 2013 as an 11-a-side course. Both "E" and "D" courses require the completion of pre-course assignments and include formal coaching assessments. The National "D" License will continue as the US Soccer requirement for any coach seeking to enter the national coaching track (C-B-A levels). Playing ability is not a prerequisite for successful completion of the "E" and "D" courses and parent-coaches who wish to improve their soccer knowledge and coaching methods are welcome to enroll.