



**COACHING
EDUCATION**

Coaches,

1. Before going any further, please be sure you have a valid risk management pass from NYSWYSA or any US Youth Soccer state association (IE. ENY, EPA, PAW, etc.). No coach will be permitted into a NYSWYSA coaching course without a valid background check administered through a USYS state association risk management processes. The NYSWYSA risk management process takes approximately two weeks to complete. You may begin that process by going [here](#). We highly recommend that candidates obtain a valid risk management pass prior to registering for a course. While candidates will not be prevented from registering for a course without risk management clearance, they will be placed on a waiting list. Wait listed candidates are not guaranteed a place in the course until proof of clearance is provided. Courses will be closed out once the requisite class limit has been met. Candidates with risk management clearance take precedent over wait listed candidates. (IE. It is possible for a wait listed candidate whose risk management status is pending to be closed out of a course while they are waiting for clearance).
2. If you intend to take a Grass Roots or D-License course from NYSWYSA at any time, you must first set up a free account in the [Digital Coaching Center](#) (DCC) from US Soccer. The DCC is the only way to register for and take a coaching education course from NYSWYSA or US Soccer. The DCC is both a warehouse of information and a management tool for all of your coaching education needs. While registering, you will also need to participate in the 20 minute, Introduction to Coaching activity. This is also required before even registering for any coaching course hosted in the DCC.
3. Check the [NYSWYSA Scheduled Courses](#) page for a list of upcoming courses near you.
4. Should you have any questions regarding this process, feel free to email the Director of Coaching Education, Chris Hershey at chershey@nyswysa.org, or the Assistant Technical Director, Scott Craig at scraig@nyswysa.org.