

## How to Become a Coach ..... Do it for the kids

If you have an “F” license and have gone through the risk management process and concussion course, you are good to go.

For new coaches (head and assistant), there is a five step process:

1. **Notify the age group Division Coordinator and Registrar** that you are interested in coaching (See the “Board Member Contacts” under the “About Us” on our website)
2. **Register (online) in Affinity** to be a coach. You can find (1) instructions and (2) a link under the “Coaches” tab on our website. Coaches will register directly through Cal South (Affinity).  
<https://www.solanabeachsoccerclub.com/coaches>
2. Complete the **CalSouth Licensing Process (class is entirely online)**. (For an overview of the process visit the “Coaches” tab on our website. SBSC has purchased vouchers to cover the cost of the course. Please contact SBSC’s register to get one.
  - There are four courses, one for each set of players on the field (i.e., “4v4”, “7v7”, “9v9” and “11v11”). If you already have one of those licenses (or the old “F” license), you are good to go and do not need to take another licensing course.
  - There is an introductory course (about 20 minutes) followed by the “Grassroots” 4v4 course, which takes about 2 hours to complete. You don’t have to complete the course in one sitting.
  - When you are done with the course, Cal South will update your record.
  - Link to Info on Course: <https://www.calsouth.com/coaching-ed/4v4-license/>
4. Complete **LiveScan** (fingerprinting & background check). Bring two copies of the Live Scan Form to a Live Scan Location. SBSC has a great relationship with Coastal Live Scan in Encinitas. They will bill SBSC so you do not have to pay and ask to be reimbursed. You can download the form from our website. SBSC will reimburse the fee (typically \$20). (**Note:** SBSC will host a LiveScan session at the team pick night in July.) You only need to do this one time.
5. **Complete Course on Concussions:** SBSC uses an online course provided by the National Federation of High Schools (“NFHS”). Contact SBSC’s Registrar or Coaching Coordinator to receive a link to the course. The course takes about 20-30 minutes to complete. After completing the course, save the certificate and email to SBSC’s Registrar.

All head and assistant coaches must complete the CalSouth Risk Management Process (step 4). **If you completed the process any time after March 2003, you do not need to repeat it.**

Although the field class is no longer required by CalSouth (USSF), the North County Rec Soccer League (SBSC, RSF, Cardiff, Encinitas, and La Jolla) believe the field class is important for new coaches and there are plans to host clinics in July and August. Details to follow.

For more information, please contact the SBSC’s Registrar, Division Coordinator, or President.