FOOTBALL NSW

COACHING QUALIFICATIONS

2027 & 2028 COMPETITIONS

Minimum Coaching Qualifications

a) Following are the minimum coaching qualifications required by Coaches for each respective League and grade of the Competitions:

b) Coaches must be qualified in order to obtain the Coaching ID card.

c) Failure to comply with any part of Section 4 Article 20 of the 2026 FNSW Competition Regulations will result in a fine to the Club. The amount fined will be equal to the cost of the required coaching course(s).

   i. The fine will be allocated towards the next available course required providing that course is during the current football calendar year. For example, a coach that is required to have a B Diploma prior to the commencement of the 2027 season however only has a C Diploma, the club will be fined $2,350. If a B Diploma is available in the month of April and the coach enrolls to attend the B Diploma course, the fine of $2,350 will be allocated to cover the cost of that course.

d) Men's Competitions:

Competition/Age	Role	2027 Minimum Coaching Requirements	2028 Minimum Coaching Requirements
NPL Men's NSW	Technical Director	A Diploma	A Diploma
NPL Men's NSW - 1st Grade	Head Coach	A Diploma	A Diploma
	Assistant Coach	B Diploma	B Diploma
	GK Coach	GK B Diploma	GK B Diploma
NPL Men's NSW - U20	Head Coach	B Diploma	B Diploma
	Assistant Coach	B Diploma	B Diploma
	GK Coach	GK B Diploma	GK B Diploma

Competition/Age	Role	2027 Minimum Coaching Requirements	2028 Minimum Coaching Requirements
Football NSW League One Men's	Technical Director	A Diploma	A Diploma
Football NSW League One Men's - 1st Grade	Head Coach	B Diploma	B Diploma
	Assistant Coach	B Diploma	B Diploma
	GK Coach	GK B Diploma	GK B Diploma
Football NSW League One Men's - U20	Head Coach	B Diploma	B Diploma
	Assistant Coach	B Diploma	B Diploma
	GK Coach	GK B Diploma	GK B Diploma

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Competition/Age	Role	2027 Minimum Coaching Requirements	2028 Minimum Coaching Requirements
Football NSW League Two Men's	Technical Director	B Diploma	B Diploma
Football NSW League Two Men's - 1st Grade	Head Coach	B Diploma	B Diploma
	Assistant Coach	B Diploma	B Diploma
	GK Coach	Foundation of Goalkeeping	Foundation of Goalkeeping
Football NSW League Two Men's - U20	Head Coach	B Diploma	B Diploma
	Assistant Coach	B Diploma	B Diploma
	GK Coach	Foundation of Goalkeeping	Foundation of Goalkeeping

Boys' Youth Competitions:

Competition/Age	Role	2027 Minimum Coaching Requirements	2028 Minimum Coaching Requirements
Football NSW Boys' Youth League One - U13 - U18	Technical Director	A Diploma	A Diploma
Football NSW Boys' Youth League One - U13 - U18	Head of Boys' Youth League	B Diploma	B Diploma
Football NSW Boys' Youth League One - U13 - U18	Head Coach	B Diploma	B Diploma
	Assistant Coach	C Diploma	C Diploma
	GK Coach	GK B Diploma	GK B Diploma

Competition/Age	Role	2027 Minimum Coaching Requirements	2028 Minimum Coaching Requirements
Football NSW Boys' Youth League Two - U13 - U18	Technical Director	A Diploma	A Diploma
Football NSW Boys' Youth League Two - U13 - U18	Head of Boys' Youth League	B Diploma	B Diploma
Football NSW Boys' Youth League Two - U13 - U18	Head Coach	B Diploma	B Diploma
	Assistant Coach	C Diploma	C Diploma
	GK Coach	GK B Diploma	GK B Diploma

Competition/Age	Role	2027 Minimum Coaching Requirements	2028 Minimum Coaching Requirements
Football NSW Boys' Youth League Three - U13 - U18	Technical Director	B Diploma	B Diploma
Football NSW Boys' Youth League Three - U13 - U18	Head of Boys' Youth League	B Diploma	B Diploma
Football NSW Boys' Youth League Three - U18	Head Coach	B Diploma	B Diploma
	Assistant Coach	C Diploma	C Diploma
	GK Coach	Foundation of Goalkeeping	Foundation of Goalkeeping
Football NSW Boys' Youth League Three - U13 - U16	Head Coach	C Diploma	C Diploma
	Assistant Coach	C Diploma	C Diploma
	GK Coach	Foundation of Goalkeeping	Foundation of Goalkeeping

e) Women's Competitions:

Competition/Age	Role	2027 Minimum Coaching Requirements	2028 Minimum Coaching Requirements
NPL Women's NSW	Technical Director	A Diploma	A Diploma
NPL Women's NSW - 1st Grade	Head Coach	A Diploma	A Diploma
	Assistant Coach	B Diploma	B Diploma
	GK Coach	GK B Diploma	GK B Diploma
NPL Women's NSW - U23	Head Coach	B Diploma	B Diploma
	Assistant Coach	B Diploma	B Diploma
	GK Coach	GK B Diploma	GK B Diploma

Competition/Age	Role	2027 Minimum Coaching Requirements	2028 Minimum Coaching Requirements
Football NSW League One Women's	Technical Director	B Diploma	B Diploma
Football NSW League One Women's - 1st Grade	Head Coach	B Diploma	B Diploma
	Assistant Coach	B Diploma	B Diploma
	GK Coach	GK B Diploma	GK B Diploma
Football NSW League One Women's - U23	Head Coach	B Diploma	B Diploma
	Assistant Coach	B Diploma	B Diploma
	GK Coach	Foundation of Goalkeeping	GK B Diploma

g) Girls' Youth Competitions:

Competition/Age	Role	2027 Minimum Coaching Requirements	2028 Minimum Coaching Requirements
Football NSW Girls' Youth League One	Technical Director	A Diploma	A Diploma
Football NSW Girls' Youth League One - U14 - U18	Head of Girls' Youth League	B Diploma	B Diploma
Football NSW Girls' Youth League One - U14 - U18	Head Coach	B Diploma	B Diploma
	Assistant Coach	C Diploma	C Diploma
	GK Coach	GK B Diploma	GK B Diploma

Competition/Age	Role	2027 Minimum Coaching Requirements	2028 Minimum Coaching Requirements
Football NSW Girls' Youth League Two	Technical Director	A Diploma	A Diploma
Football NSW Girls' Youth League Two - U14 - U18	Head of Girls' Youth League	B Diploma	B Diploma
Football NSW Girls' Youth League Two - U14 - U18	Head Coach	B Diploma	B Diploma
	Assistant Coach	C Diploma	C Diploma
	GK Coach	Foundation of Goalkeeping	GK B Diploma

h) Junior Development Leagues:

Competition/Age	Role	2027 Minimum Coaching Requirements	2028 Minimum Coaching Requirements
Mixed Junior Development League (MJDL)	Head of MJDL	B Diploma & FNSW JDL Certificate	B Diploma & FNSW JDL Certificate
	Head Coach	C Diploma	C Diploma
	Assistant Coach	C Diploma	C Diploma
	GK Coach	GK B Diploma	GK B Diploma

Competition/Age	Role	2027 Minimum Coaching Requirements	2028 Minimum Coaching Requirements
Girls' Junior Development League (GJDL)	Head of GJDL	B Diploma & FNSW JDL Certificate	B Diploma & FNSW JDL Certificate
	Head Coach	C Diploma	C Diploma
	Assistant Coach	Foundation of Football	Foundation of Football
	GK Coach	GK B Diploma	GK B Diploma

i) Futsal Premier League (FPL)

Competition/Age	Role	2027 Minimum Coaching Requirements	2028 Minimum Coaching Requirements
Futsal Premier League	Technical Director	AFC Level 1	AFC Level 2
	Head Coach	Foundation of Futsal	AFC Level 1
	Assistant Coach	Foundation of Futsal	Foundation of Futsal
	Goalkeeper Coach	Foundation of Goalkeeping	Foundation of Goalkeeping
Futsal Premier League 2	Technical Director	AFC Level 1	AFC Level 2
	Head Coach	Foundation of Futsal	AFC Level 1
	Assistant Coach	Foundation of Futsal	Foundation of Futsal
	Goalkeeper Coach	Foundation of Goalkeeping	Foundation of Goalkeeping

Mandatory Technical Director and Coach Registrations

a) Technical Directors

i. Appointment of a Technical Director in the NPL Men's NSW, Football NSW Men's League One, Football NSW Men's League Two, Football NSW Boys' Youth League One, Football NSW Boys' Youth League Two, Football NSW Boys' Youth League Three, NPL Women's NSW, Football NSW Women's League One, Football NSW Girls' Youth League One, Football NSW Girls' Youth League Two, Football NSW Girls' Junior Development League and Mixed Junior Development League

ii. All Technical Directors are to be registered through the National Registration System

iii. If the Technical Director is employed by the Club on a full-time contract, the Club is open to expand his / her role beyond the scope of the Technical Director (i.e. in administration, coaching additional teams, coaching in JDL etc), so long as his / her ability to perform the Technical Director role is not compromised, defined as holding up to two additional roles outlined in iv. Below.

iv. If the Technical Director is employed on a part-time basis, they are able to be registered to perform one of the following roles in addition to their role as the Club Technical Director;

a. Be registered to Coach one of the U13-U18 teams at the Club; or

b. Be registered to Coach one of the GJDL or MJDL teams at the club; or

c. Be registered as the Head of Program role for the Club's Girls' GJDL and MJDL; or

d. Be registered as the Head of Program role for the clubs BYL or GYL programs; or

e. Be registered as Head coach of any single grade + assistant coach of any single grade.

b) Head of Program – GJDL/MJDL

i. Appointment of a Head of Program in Girls Junior Development League and Mixed Junior Development League is mandatory.

ii. All Heads of Program are to be registered through the National Registration System

iii. The Club Technical Director can be appointed to this role, however they must meet the minimum requirements as per above.

iv. If the Head of Program for GJDL / MJDL is employed by the Club on a full-time contract, the Club is open to expand his / her role beyond the scope of the role (i.e. in administration, coaching additional teams, coaching in JDL etc), so long as his / her ability to perform the role is not compromised, defined as holding up to two additional roles outlined in b v. below.

v. If the Head of GJDL / MJDL is employed on a part time basis, they are able to be registered to perform one of the following roles in addition to their role as the Head of GJDL / MJDL

a. Be registered to Coach one of the U13-U18 teams at the Club; or

b. Be registered to Coach one of the Club's Girls' GJDL and MJDL teams; or

c. Be registered as the Head of Program role for the clubs BYL or GYL programs; or

d. Be registered as Head coach of any single grade + assistant coach of any single grade.

c) Head of Program – GYL/BYL

i. The appointment of a Head of GYL / BYL in Boys Youth League and Girls Youth League is optional, However, if a club appoints someone to this position and they meet the required technical qualifications, they must comply with the following requirements:

ii. All Heads of Program, GYL / BYL are to be registered through the National Registration System

iii. The Club Technical Director can be appointed to this role, however they must meet the minimum requirements as per above.

iv. If the Head of BYL / GYL is employed by the Club on a full-time contract, the Club is open to expand his / her role beyond the scope of the role (i.e. in administration, coaching additional teams, coaching in BYL/GYL etc), so long as his / her ability to perform the role is not compromised, defined as holding up to two additional roles outlined in c v. below.

v. If the Head of BYL / GYL is employed on a part time basis, they are able to be registered to perform one of the following roles in addition to their role as the Head of BYL / GYL;

   a. Be registered to Coach one of the GYL/BYL teams at the Club; or

   b. Be registered to Coach one of the Club's Girls' GJDL and MJDL teams; or

   c. Be registered as Head coach of any single grade + assistant coach of any single grade.

   d. Be registered as Head of Program for MJDL / GJDL

d) Head Coaches

i. Appointment of individual head coaches to all grades of all Leagues is mandatory and all coaches are to be registered through the National Registration System

ii. Head coaches of any grade will be permitted to be registered to additionally coach in the following capacities within a Club:

   a. Head coach of any single grade + coach of any single grade in Girls' GJDL and MJDL; or

   b. Head coach of any single grade + Technical Director in Girls' GJDL and MJDL

iii. Where a coach's position is terminated from a mandatory role, as outlined in Section 4 art. 19 (pg.38) of the FNSW Competition Regulations, Clubs will be given a maximum of four (4) weeks to appoint a new, fully accredited coach, failure to do so will result in a fine. The amount fined will be equal to the cost of the required coaching course(s) for the position that is vacant.

e) Assistant Coaches and Goalkeeper Coaches

i. Appointment of assistant coaches and goalkeeper coaches to all Leagues is optional. Should either be appointed they must meet the relevant minimum standard and be registered on the National Registration System

f) All Coaches must be registered through the National Registration System by close of business Monday 1 February 2027. Failure to comply with this or other minimum coaching accreditation will result in a fine to the club as detailed in Section 4 art. 20 b)

g) All Clubs must ensure that their Coaching Roster details are kept up to date and any changes must be communicated via email to the Football NSW Competitions Department within 7 days of any change occurring (e.g. coach termination, update in accreditation, submission of SIA Certificates (click here) etc.)

Reinstating Expired Qualifications

a) If a coach has an invalid technical qualification they must activate or reinstate their qualification through the following core means prior to acceptance by Football NSW and receiving their Coaching ID card.

   i. Attend the required Coaching course – ie. Complete the FA C Diploma

   ii. Accumulate 15 hours of CPD to satisfy the Qualification requirements as set out by Football Australia;

      - Total: 15 hours
      - Maximum 13 hours via online modules - depending on the qualification
      - Remaining hours via workshops

b) **How to Complete Your CPD:**

   i. **Online Modules (Max 13 hours - depending on qualification)**
   Log into the FA Learning Centre (click here) – Learner (Learning Centre Account), click on Training Library and click Football Australia Expired Qualification CPD Modules. Action the required steps to complete a maximum of 15 CPD hours of modules. Below is an outline of the CPD Modules available per qualification:

Qualifications	CPD Modules Available
A Diploma	13 CPD Hours available
B Diploma	10 CPD Hours available
C Diploma	5 CPD Hours available

   ii. **Workshops**
   Log into the FA Learning Centre (click here) – Learner (Learning Centre Account), click on Training Event, search for *Coach Approved Workshop [2 CPD Hour]* Select the desired "In Person" or "Online" Workshops and enrol on the relevant Workshops. Please be mindful you will have access to enrol in workshops hosted by other Member Federations.

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