

To: MSYSA Registrars  
 From: Bill Stara, Technical Director for MSYSA  
 Subject: Verification of coaching licenses

## License Requirement for Travel Coaches (Head Coaches)

The MSYSA Executive Board adopted a license requirement policy, effective 2007, for all Maryland travel team head coaches. The MSYSA policy states that all head coaches of MSYSA rostered travel teams have at least a USSF "E" license or its equivalent, the NSCAA Regional Diploma. New coaches who are head coaches for the first time can obtain a one-year waiver exemption of the license requirement by contacting the MSYSA Director of Coaching; however, all head coaches must meet the minimum license or equivalent within one calendar year of their first season coaching a travel team.

The state has an excel archive of 9000 coaches who have obtained a license in Maryland. MSYSA has no way of verifying an NSCAA diploma or a USSF "A, B, or C" license.

All head coaches need to provide a copy of their license when registering their team.

The charts below are examples of the only licenses that meet the requirements of the state to be a head travel coach in Maryland.

NSCAA course	New NSCAA title	USSF	Foreign Licenses
Regional Diploma	Junior Level V	E License	FA Level 1
Advance Diploma	Junior Level VI	D License	FA Level 2
National Diploma	National Diploma	C License	UEFA "A, B or Pro"
Advanced National Diploma	Advanced National Diploma	B License	
Premier Diploma	Premier Diploma	A License	

The following do not meet the requirements to coach a travel team:

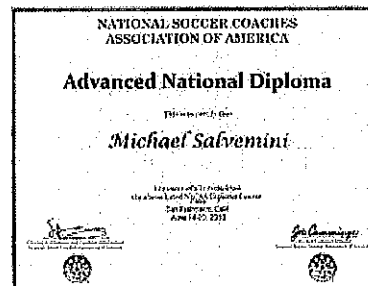
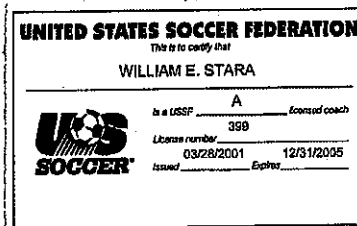
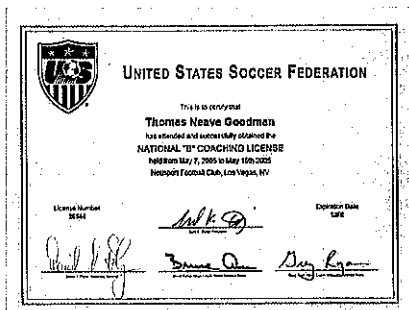
- Goalkeeping certificates
- Youth Modules
- F License
- National Youth License

### License from another state

All USSF license from across the country are accepted. If a coach does not have a copy of their license from another state they need to contact the other state for verification of the license and ask for another copy. MSYSA does not have access to that information.

### National Licenses

If coach holds a national license (A, B, C) or an NSCAA diploma but does not have a hard copy of that license, they need to contact the US Soccer Federation or the NSCAA to obtain verification and ask for another copy of the license. MSYSA does not have access to that information.



### Foreign Licenses

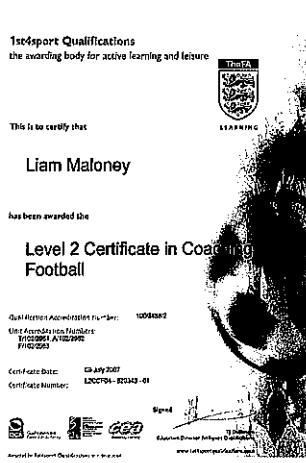
MSYSA only accepts the following foreign licenses:

1. The FA Level 1 & 2.

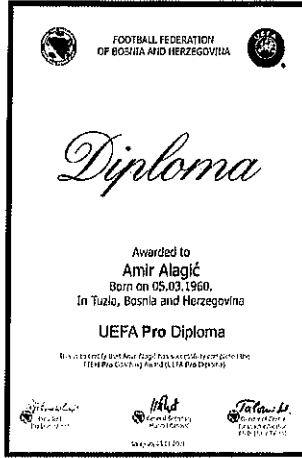
- 2. UEFA (Union of European Football Associations) Pro
  - 3. UEFA (Union of European Football Associations) A, or B
- All other foreign licenses must be submitted to MSYSA for evaluation.

**Examples of what the licenses look like:**

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