

N1 Coach Eligibility Requirements

What is the N1 coach eligibility requirement?

Every N1 coach has to complete 5 hours of coaching development each year, and there are four ways to do it. You only need to satisfy one of them.

Annual Registration/Eligibility Requirements

1. Background Screening (every other Seasonal Year)
2. Purchase of US Club Soccer staff registration (annual)
3. SafeSport Training (annual)
4. Staff Registrant Annual Certification (annual)
5. Adverse Eligibility List Review (once)

Submitting a waiver?

1. Method 1: Holding a U.S. Soccer License ('D' or higher, earned in the past 5 years)
2. Method 2: Completing 5 hours of Continuous Professional Development (CPD) hours via the US Club Soccer Coaches' Voice platform,
3. Method 3: Completing the ECNL's Continuous Professional Development (CPD) hours via the Coaches' Voice platform (5 in total), OR
4. Method 4: Submitting a coaching education pathway waiver demonstrating progress towards a license within the seasonal year.

Ready to Submit?

[Submit the form](#)

[As a Coach/Manager - How to complete the N1 Coach Eligibility Requirement \(2026-27\)](#)

N1 Coach Eligibility – Which method is right for you?

Answer the questions in order. Stop at the first “Yes” — that’s your method.

