

I finally had the chance to put together a list for you (Listed Chronologically) of upcoming Coaching Education Courses in the Seattle area scheduled this Summer. To be certain, they will all be a lot of FUN and full of USEFUL information.

- 1) **2010 Elite Soccer Clinic**
July 23 + 24 (Friday & Saturday)
ShoWare Center - Kent, WA (S. of Seattle b/tn SeaTac and Tacoma - close to Federal Way.)

Time: Friday, July 23, 12:30 pm - 7:15 pm; Saturday, July 24, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Cost: \$ 175.00 + \$45.00

Clinician(s): Various - see the link below, and visit the site for relative details.

Link: <http://www.elitesoccerclinics.com/>

Noteworthy: This clinic will allow participants to register to receive a Washington State USSF 'E' certificate (Additional \$45 at time of registration). I think this will be a really great opportunity to learn from some real professionals in the soccer world. It is pricey at \$175.00 - got to pay the experts for their knowledge, and to receive an 'E' certificate for attending (participating?) will cost you an additional \$45.00. There is a very impressive list of expert clinicians and guests scheduled to conduct sessions which include: Sigi Schmid (Sounders FC - Head Coach), Kasey Keller (Sounders FC - Keeper), Tom Dutra (Sounders FC - Goalkeeper Coach), Brian Schmetzer (Sounders FC - Assistant Coach), Gary White (WSYSA - Technical Director), David Tenney (Sounders FC - Fitness Coach), Cliff McCrath (local highly successful Collegiate coach - SPU - and NW Soccer Camps founder, etc.), and many others.

- 2) **USSF (United States Soccer Federation) 'E' Certificate course**
August 13 - 15 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
SYSA Offices: (520 NE Ravenna Blvd., Rm #117, Seattle, WA 98115 -Greenlake Area)
Lower Woodland # 7: (5501 E. GreenLake Way, North, Seattle, WA 98103 - Intersection of W. GreenLake Way, North and E. GreenLake Way, North).

Time: Friday, August 13, 6:00 - 9:30 pm; Saturday & Sunday, August 14 & 15, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm each day.

Cost: \$60.00.

Clinician(s): Scott Caldwell

Link(s) Specific to Registration: <http://sda.bonzidev.com/sda/course.php> Once you are on the 'Coach Clinic Directory' page on the WSYSA site, you will want to choose a 'License' (choose 'E Certificate'), and an 'Affiliation' (choose Seattle Youth Soccer Association). Then click the 'DISPLAY COACH CLINICS' button. The link for the course registration ought to appear.

You can also skip the 'Affiliation' option and just click on the 'DISPLAY COACH CLINICS' button. It will show all the 'E' courses available, and then you can just click through the little balloon icons near Seattle until you find the "Seattle YSA" course on the map.

Link(s): <http://www.ussoccer.com/Coaches/Licenses.aspx>,
<http://www.wsysa.com/TechnicalZone/CoachingEducation/Courses/tabid/1553/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

Noteworthy: 12 to 36 spaces available (min/max) for course participants. This course will cover all the fundamental topics in soccer (Dribbling, Passing, Shooting, Goalkeeping, Offensive tactics, Defensive tactics) as well as Rules of the Game, and basic soccer related First Aid / Medical topics. ...And, plenty more. Topics will be covered utilizing sessions in a Small-sided Games format. It is a great experience, and I highly recommend attending an 'E' course at some point. Even if you intend to only coach at the Rec level for a couple years, this will make the experience so much more fun - for you as a coach, and certainly for your players. If you intend to pursue coaching beyond Rec, you will need this course to progress further along the coaching education journey. USSF Licensure courses begin with the 'E', and progress upwards through 'D', 'C', 'B', and finally 'A' levels. In this course you get to be a player during the sessions, and team up with fellow participants during the duration of the course. It is a LOT of fun.

- 3) **USSF (United States Soccer Federation) 'U-6, U-8, and U-10' Module courses**
August 21 (Saturday)
Lakewood Playfield: (5013 S. Angeline Street, Seattle, WA 98118)

Time: Saturday, August 21, U-6 (9:00am -11:30am); U-8 (12:00pm – 2:30pm); U-10 (3:00pm – 5:30 pm).

Cost: \$27.00 per Module.

Clinician(s): Tony Gilman

Link(s) Specific to Registration: <http://sda.bonzidev.com/sda/course.php> Once you are on the 'Coach Clinic Directory' page on the WSYSYA site, you will want to choose a 'License' (choose 'U-6, U-8, or U-10 Module'), and an 'Affiliation' (choose Seattle Youth Soccer Association). Then click the 'DISPLAY COACH CLINICS' button. The link for the course registration ought to appear.

You can also skip the 'Affiliation' option and just click on the 'DISPLAY COACH CLINICS' button. It will show all the 'U-6, U-8, or U-10' courses available, and then you can just click through the little balloon icons near Seattle until you find the "Seattle YSA" course on the map.

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<http://www.wsysya.com/TechnicalZone/CoachingEducation/Courses/tabid/1553/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

Noteworthy: 12 to 36 spaces available (min/max) for course participants. These courses will cover the fundamental elements in soccer (Dribbling, Passing, Shooting, Goalkeeping) as they relate to the specific developmental ages / stages they target. Topics will be covered by demonstrating basic techniques, and utilizing the small-sided games format. These modules are great courses, and are especially suited to the novice soccer coach and those individuals new to the game. In these courses you get to be a player during the sessions, and team up with fellow participants during the duration of the course. They are a LOT of fun.

4) **NSCAA (National Soccer Coaches Assoc. of America) Levels 5 & 6 Diploma courses.**
August 27 - 29 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
SYSA Offices: (520 NE Ravenna Blvd., Rm #117, Seattle, WA 98115 -Greenlake Area)
Lower Woodland # 7: (5501 E. GreenLake Way, North, Seattle, WA 98103 - Intersection of W. GreenLake Way, North and E. GreenLake Way, North).

Time: Friday, August 27, 5 pm - 9:30 pm; Saturday, August 28, 9 am - 6:30 pm; Sunday, August 29, 9 am - 5:30 pm.

Cost: \$125.00 for the Levels 5 & 6 combined - considered the listed online as the level 5 & level 6 Supplement. It is Highly Encouraged to do Both Levels 5 & 6.

Clinician(s): Leigh Cullip - lead instructor

Link(s) Specific to Registration: <http://www.nscaa.com/courseDetail.php?it=1832>,
<http://www.nscaa.com/courseDetail.php?it=1833>, <http://www.nscaa.com/courseDetail.php?it=1834>

Link: <http://www.nscaa.com>

Noteworthy: This course will be very similar to a USSF 'E' course. It will cover much of the same material, but take a bit of a different approach to the teaching of the material. 15 to Undetermined spaces (min/max) for course participants. USSF and NSCAA are the two principal coaching education bodies within soccer in the United States. NSCAA actually extends beyond our country into the rest of the world as well. NSCAA's moto is: "Coaches teach players, we teach coaches". They offer 'In-residence' education courses all over the country, in addition to many 'special topics' courses. Unlike the USSF, they are focused primarily upon coaching education as an organization, and not the administration of soccer as an entity, with education being a component. Just illustrating the difference here, not making a value judgement. This course will also cover some of the subject matter / topics covered within a USSF 'D' License course. I am very excited to have this course available in the Seattle area this summer. We don't get many NSCAA offerings for courses in our area.

I hope you will all find a course that works for your schedule. Have fun, and bring the knowledge back to the players and your peers. Perhaps I'll see you a time or two at the courses, and on the pitches in the Fall.

And as is always the case, a Huge THANK YOU for making the commitment to volunteer your time and efforts to the benefit of the many Hundreds of players within your Club (WSC), and the many Thousands within our greater Association (SYSA) you are bound to have an impact upon during your time as a coach!

Happy sunshine, enjoy the Summer and your families!!!

Ciao,

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