

Coaching Situations and Recommendations for 2026 and Beyond

Coaching Situation	Recommendation
Head Coaches in the YDC pathway (e.g., Junior Reps) but do not hold a current Youth Development Coach (YDC), Senior Club Coach (SCC) or High Performance (HPC) accreditation.	Apply for the YDC course in 2025-2026
Assistant Coaches in the YDC pathway (e.g., Junior Reps) but do not hold a current Youth Development Coach (YDC), Senior Club Coach (SCC), High Performance (HPC) or age relevant Community Coach accreditation (e.g., 16-18).	Complete the age relevant Community Coach Course (e.g., 16-18) and strongly encouraged to apply for the YDC course
Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches with a current SCC or HPC accreditation coaching in the YDC pathway (e.g., Junior Reps).	No action needed until these accreditations expire but strongly encouraged to apply for the YDC as SCC and HPC accreditations will not be renewed moving forward.
Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches with a current YDC accreditation coaching in the YDC pathway (e.g., Junior Reps).	No action needed until the YDC accreditation expires.
Head Coaches with a current SCC accreditation coaching in the Performance pathway (e.g., NSW/QLD Cup) but do not hold a current HPC accreditation.	Apply for the PC Course in 2025-2027.
Assistant Coaches in the Performance pathway (e.g., NSW/QLD Cup) but do not hold a SCC or HPC accreditation.	Complete the Community (19+) Course and encouraged to apply for the YDC course.
Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches with a current SCC or HPC accreditation not coaching in the designated pathway (e.g., BRL, Massey Cup).	No action needed until these accreditations expire but strongly encouraged to complete the age-appropriate Community Coach Course (e.g., 19+) as the SCC & HPC accreditations will not be renewed moving forward.