



USA CYCLING COACH CERTIFICATION AND LICENSE RENEWAL PROGRAM

COACH CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

We're excited to launch USA Cycling's redesigned **Coach Certification and License Renewal Program for 2025 and beyond**. This updated program is designed to help you deepen your expertise, advance your coaching career, and build specializations to demonstrate your qualifications to athletes.

To earn **USA Cycling's Level 3 Certified Coach license**, coaches must meet the following requirements:

STEP 1

Complete the Level 3 Certified Coach First-Time Certification Course.
This is an online course requiring approximately 6–7 hours to complete.

STEP 2

Complete SafeSport training.

STEP 3

Pass a background check.

STEP 4

Complete the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency's Coaching Advantage Tutorial.

**LEVEL 3
Certified Coach**



To earn **USA Cycling's Level 2 Intermediate Certified Coach license**, coaches must meet the following requirements:

STEP 1

Earn the Level 3 Certified Coach license.

STEP 2

Complete one year as a Level 3 Certified Coach.

STEP 3

Complete three Specialization Certificates.
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STEP 4

Complete the Level 2 Intermediate Certification.
(Details TBA in early 2025.)

STEP 5

Maintain SafeSport certification and pass a background check.

STEP 6

Advance at least one athlete to race in any USA Cycling-sanctioned national championship.

**LEVEL 2
Intermediate Certified Coach**



To earn **USA Cycling's Level 1 Advanced Certified Coach license**, coaches must meet the following requirements:

STEP 1

Earn the Level 2 Intermediate Certified Coach license.

STEP 2

Complete three Advanced Specialization Certificates.

STEP 3

Complete the Advanced Certification Course.
(Details TBA in early 2025.)

STEP 4

Maintain SafeSport certification and pass a background check.

STEP 5

Advance at least one athlete to any UCI-ranked race or one athlete to any national podium.

**LEVEL 1
Advanced Certified Coach**



For the most up-to-date program details and to see available coursework, click the QR code or scan it with your mobile device.

Effective December 2024



LICENSE RENEWAL PROGRAM

Each year, USA Cycling coaches are required to expand and deepen their coaching knowledge through continuing education. Continuing education is measured in **Continuing Education Units (CEUs)**. Each CEU is equivalent to about 1 hour of continuing education time. CEUs can be earned through online courses, in-person or online events, through mentorship, and other programs pre-approved by USA Cycling. **CEUs earned in excess of the annual requirement do not roll over to the next year.**

Annual License Renewal

To renew a **Level 3 Certified Coach license** or **Level 2 Intermediate Certified Coach license**, coaches must meet the following requirements:

Earn 10 CEUs per year.

5 CEUs must be earned through USA Cycling while up to 5 may be earned through third-party providers pre-approved by USA Cycling.

Every other year, complete an online refresher course.

Certified (LEVEL 3)
& Intermediate Certified (LEVEL 2)
Coach License
Renewals



To renew a **Level 1 Advanced Certified Coach license**, coaches must meet the following requirements:

Earn 15 CEUs per year.

10 CEUs must be earned through USA Cycling while up to 5 may be earned through third-party providers pre-approved by USA Cycling. Advanced Certified Coaches may also earn CEUs through USA Cycling's coach mentorship program. (Details TBA in early 2025.)

Every other year, complete an online refresher course.

LEVEL 1
Advanced Certification
Coach License
Renewal



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SPECIALIZATION CERTIFICATES

Starting in 2025, CEU courses and events provided by USA Cycling will be grouped into four topic areas called Specializations:



**ATHLETE
MANAGEMENT AND
DEVELOPMENT**



**PROGRAMMING AND
TRAINING DESIGN**



**PHYSIOLOGY
OF TRAINING**



**BUSINESS
SKILLS**

As coaches earn CEUs toward license renewal, they can also earn certificates in each Specialization. These certificates are optional for coaches, unless they are seeking a license upgrade. Coaches seeking a license upgrade must complete Specialization or Advanced Specialization Certificates as described in the Coach Certification Program.

To earn a **Specialization Certificate**, coaches must meet the following requirements:

STEP 1
Earn 10 CEUs within one Specialization.
At least 6 of these CEUs must be earned by completing courses. Specializations must be earned by completing CEUs offered directly from USA Cycling. CEUs from third-party providers do not qualify for earning Specializations.

STEP 2
Complete the 101-Level Course for the Specialization.

**Specialization
Certificates**



CEUs and courses for a Specialization Certificate may be earned in any order, at any time. Specialization Certificates can be earned in a year or over several years.

To earn an **Advanced Specialization Certificate**, coaches must meet the following requirements:

STEP 1
Earn 10 more CEUs within one Specialization for a total of 20 CEUs.
At least 12 of these CEUs must be earned by completing courses. Specializations must be earned by completing CEUs offered directly from USA Cycling. CEUs from third-party providers do not qualify for earning Specializations.

STEP 2
Complete the 201-Level Course for the Advanced Specialization.

**Advanced
Specialization
Certificates**



CEUs and courses for an Advanced Specialization Certificate may be earned in any order, at any time. Advanced Specialization Certificates can be earned in a year or over several years.



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