January 2026

Subject: HSA Select Coaching Applications, 2026-2027 season

Hi HSA Coaches,

In 2015, the Highline Soccer Association (HSA) launched a **Community Select program (HSA Select)** to provide our youth players the opportunity to stay within our association and play at a higher level. **This next season, we will be entering our 12ᵗʰ year as a club!** In recent seasons, we have fielded between 16-20 teams/season and have celebrated 17 State Cup Champions (14 Founders Cup, 3 Presidents Cup), 13 State Cup Finalists (11 Founders Cup, 2 Presidents Cup) and 3 teams advancing to FarWest Regionals!

We invite you to consider applying for a HSA Select coaching position in the **U-11 through U-19 age groups**. HSA Select coaches will need to challenge themselves at this higher level, as well as to lead select-level players. This is not a paid role and teams will be formed using a tryout process. The HSA Select teams play in the North Puget Sound League (NPSL), which is a select league covering the Seattle, Eastside and surrounding areas (view NPSL club directory). The cost per player is between $820 and $1,000, which is higher than recreational soccer and less than premier and other surrounding select clubs. Refer to the HSA Select web site for more information about player fees, uniforms and club policies.

Coach application timeline

January - February	Coach applications accepted. **Application deadline is February 28, 2026.** ***(HS Boys U16-U19 application deadline is February 10, 2026.)*** HSA Select committee interviews and selects HS Boys coaches. *High School Boys U16 and older Tryouts will be held Feb 26 & 27, 2026.
March	HSA Select committee interviews and selects coaches for remaining age groups.
April	Coach develops vision/structure/financials for the team. Promotion of HSA Select program and tryout schedule to HSA membership.
May	Tryouts (schedule to be posted in April) followed by team formation meeting and uniform fitting
June - August	Training starts and summer tournaments
September	**Fall League starts
January	Founders Cup (State Cup)
*NOTE: Tryouts for High School Boys club teams are held in mid-February, prior to the start of the WIAA High School Boys season.	

If you are chosen to lead a team, there will be high expectations of you as a coach, both in how you lead your team technically and how you present yourself on the pitch during practices and games. The continued success of this program depends on the quality of our coaches.

The HSA Select Program requires their select coaches to hold at a minimum a USSF Grassroots Course certificate or United Soccer Coaches (USC) Development Diplomas (11v11, 9v9, or equivalent) and encourages their coaches to pursue the USSF "D" License or USC National Diploma for older age groups. You do not need a license to be selected, although you should pursue the Grassroots Course license within the first year of serving as a select coach. Learn more at the WYS Coaching Education page and U.S. Soccer's Digital Coaching Center, or United Soccer Coaches Education site.

NOTE: every season, we form two new U-11 teams comprised of primarily players from the recreational clubs. This is a great opportunity for a volunteer coach from the recreational ranks to join our competitive club and grow as a coach. This club is about developing youth players *and* adult coaches.

How to apply

The following items are posted on HSA Select page.

- HSA Select Coach job description (PDF) -- please review before applying
- HSA Select Coach application (online application) -- **please complete by 2/28/2026.**

Questions? If you have questions about the coaching position or application process, please don't hesitate to ask by sending a message to hsaselect@gmail.com.

Thanks,

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