



2025-2026 SA Advanced Coach Accreditation – SANFL & Community Coaches Course Details and Application Process



Course Structure & Delivery

The 2025-2026 South Australian Advanced Coaching Accreditation (formally Level 3) will be offered to coaches of both male and female programs, coaching at a SANFL Club or community senior A Grade team.

2025-26 Course Dates

TOPICS	PRESENTERS	LOCATION	DATES	TIMES
COACH THE ENVIRONMENT - CULTURE & RELATIONSHIPS	Julian Farkas – Leading Teams	Norwood FC	Fri 28 Nov 2025	9am- 5pm
COACH THE GAME - STRATEGIES & GAME DAY COACHING	Paul Thomas – Central District FC	Norwood FC	Sat 29 Nov 2025	
COACH AT TRAINING - SKILL ACQUISITION & ACTIVITIES	Dave Reynolds & Heath Younie – SANFL Coach Development	Nazareth College	Sun 30 Nov 2025	
ACCREDITATION COMPLETION DINNER	SANFL	TBC	Fri 23 Oct 2026	6pm- 9pm

2025-26 Accreditation Requirements

1. Participate in ALL sessions and completing all in-course tasks and activities
2. Create and implement agreed Values and Behaviours for your team
3. Develop a documented Game Plan for your team
4. Mentor 2 coaches in 2026
5. Mid-season and post season reflection meetings with course peers

Purpose

The Advanced Coach Accreditation is designed to meet the following objectives:

- **Develop high performing coaches** - Understand and implement contemporary coaching methods and practices aligned to the AFL's 3 Coaching Competencies (below) and enable them to apply these appropriately to their coaching context.



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Criteria for Selection

Coaches wishing to nominate for the course must meet the following criteria:

1. Hold a current AFL Level 2 or Elevate Coach Accreditation
2. In 2026 be coaching in one of the competitions listed below:

State	State League	Community Football
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Head or assistant coach in the U16 or U18 (male or female) state team	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Head or assistant coach at a SANFL Club in a season competition team<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Male U16s – League○ Female U18s & SANFLW	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Head Coach of an A Grade senior team (male or female)

3. Evidence of a commitment to on-going learning will be highly regarded when selecting between candidates of similar merit
4. Commitment to **100% attendance** for all course sessions

Course Fees

\$1,200.00 per participant (including GST - Course Fee to be paid when invited to attend)

Course Application Process

1. All interested coaches must complete the below Application form to be considered for the 2025-26 SA Level 3 Coaching Course, by the due date – **Sunday 19th October 2025**.
2. Successful and unsuccessful candidates will be formally notified via email by Thursday the 23rd of October 2025.

[APPLY FOR THE LEVEL 3 COURSE HERE](#)

Questions can be directed to State Coaching Manager Dave Reynolds dave.reynolds@sanfl.com.au

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