Ref	Requirement	Mandatory/ Flexible	2024	<u>2025</u>
3.1	Technical Director	Mandatory /	FA/AFC accredited B License (Diploma).	FA/AFC accredited A License (Diploma)
3.2		Recommended Mandatory	FA/AFC accredited A License (Diploma).  GK Level 1 Licence (GK C Diploma) or FA Foundation of Goalkeeping course.	GK Level 1 Licence or Valid C Diploma and Foundation of Goalkeeping
3.3	Under 18's Head Coach	Mandatory	FA/AFC accredited B License (Diploma) (see notes below)	FA/AFC accredited B License (Diploma)
3.4	Under 16's Head Coach	Mandatory	FA/AFC accredited B License (Diploma) (see notes below)	FA/AFC accredited B License (Diploma)
3.5	Under 15's Head Coach	Mandatory	FA/AFC accredited C License (Diploma)	
3.6	Under 14's Head Coach	Mandatory	FA/AFC accredited C License (Diploma)	
3.7	Assistant Coaches (U14's-U18's)	Mandatory	Registers, pays & attends FA Foundation of Football course or has completed an FA Skill Training Certificate / Game Training Certificate or is currently completing FA/AFC C License (Diploma)	
3.8	Coaching Vacancies	Mandatory	If, for whatever reason, a coaching role is vacated the club must appoint either a temporary or full-time replacement with the equivalent coaching criteria requirements for that role within 4 weeks. A temporary appointment must not exceed 4 weeks. If, however, the club can demonstrate significant efforts to appoint a replacement, FV Technical may grant an additional 4 weeks (during this time an appropriately accredited coach must be responsible for coaching that team.  Only one squad / club are to be without an appropriately accredited Head Coach at any one time during the season.	
3.9	Accreditation updates	Mandatory	It is the club's responsibility to ensure their appointed coaches are actively gaining accreditation (CPD) points. Including, but not limited to, attending courses, conferences and workshops. All clubs must ensure that their coaching roster information is updated monthly. Any changes must be communicated to the FV Technical department - technical@footballvictoria.com.au within 48 hours of a change occurring.	
3.10	Coach Registration	Mandatory	All clubs must ensure that their coaches are registered on the Play Football Registration System prior to the commencement of the season or immediately following a new appointment.	

**NOTE 1:** Where there has been an increase in the required accreditation from one season to the next, a coach will only be allowed to coach when they are registered and paid to complete the relevant next level course in that season.

For the 2024 season, a coach must be assessed as competent based on passing their practical submission of an Advanced Pathway course.

**NOTE 2:** Accredited includes attendance, on-course work, final practical submission and certified as competent by FA/AFC.

**NOTE 3:** The accreditations are a mandatory criterion and at any point of the season, clubs must appoint coaches &/or Technical Directors that hold the appropriate accreditation for the relevant group. Clubs are responsible for verifying accreditations prior to appointment.

**NOTE 4:** AFC/FA Advanced Licences have been renamed to Diplomas (e.g. C Licence is now called C Diploma).

All clubs will be required to provide the necessary documentation confirming the qualifications of their nominated / appointed coaches / TD