

**POSITION: CLUB SMALL FIELD TEAM COACH**

**PARTICIPATION GROUP: BOYS & GIRLS: U-6 TO U-12**

**RISK LEVEL: HIGH RISK POSITION**

**RESPONSIBLE TO: CLUB EXECUTIVE**

**GOALS:**

- Instruction in soccer skills as set out by the Club
- Positional play and individual roles on a team
- Competition at an appropriate level of play
- Encouraging self-confidence and individual skill development through positive reinforcement
- Building and maintaining team chemistry
- Enjoyment
- Establish codes of 'fair play' and reinforce values of 'good sport'

**ACTIVITIES:**

- Weekly practice & game(s) for players
- Coaching in game situations with equal participation
- As mandated by the Club

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Communication with players, parents (i.e. practice/game schedules; half time snacks;) and Club
- Record Keeping - player information forms (team roster; medical concerns; injury authorization) on hand for all practices & games
- Familiarity with guidelines for reporting Child Abuse
- Ability to set and maintain standards for players relating to respect, discipline, and fair play
- Prepared to referee (or designate) if necessary
- Attendance at meetings and clinics as organized by the Club
- Knowledge of Club policies relating to player safety (i.e. weather advisories, heat policies, field conditions)
- Familiarity with Club Coaches' Code of Conduct
- Familiarity with mini soccer rules
- Distribution of player equipment as issued by Club

**BOUNDARIES/LIMITATIONS:**

- Never alone with player
- Not responsible for transportation to/from practices/games/tournaments
- Not responsible for water or snacks
- Role model - no drugs/alcohol/smoking - practices/games/tournaments or use of abusive or profane language
- Appropriately dressed
- Zero tolerance policy as mandated by Club
- Adherence to Club policies, values, and principles as set out in the Constitution

**SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE:**

- As required by the Club
- Knowledge of games and playing experience an asset
- Ability to relate to the players based on age, gender, and ability
- Minimum age as set by Club (with coaches under 18 requiring written permission per Club policy)

**PERSONAL TRAITS/QUALITIES:**

- Interest
- Positive role model
- Fair-minded, sportsmanlike approach
- Ability to communicate with players and parents
- Awareness of personal limitations and a willingness to seek assistance when necessary
- Patience, understanding and a sense of humour
- Ability to exercise good judgement

**ORIENTATION TRAINING:**

- Attending mandatory clinics as set by the Club
- Awareness of personal health issues and safety practices
- Clear understanding of Club policy regarding House League matters

**SUPPORT/SUPERVISION & EVALUATION:**

- Coordinator responsibility
- Random calls to parents to monitor coaching
- Coordinator attendance (optional) at practice(s)/game(s)

**MANDATORY ACTIVITIES:**

- Clinics/Orientation sessions
- Weekly practice and game
- Events as scheduled by Club
- Administrative work as set down by Club (i.e. games sheets, player grading)

**WORKING CONDITIONS:**

- Outdoors according to Club policy re: weather & field conditions

**BENEFITS (VOLUNTEER):**

- Working with young people
- Imparting the values of active participation, team work, and fair play
- Developing individual soccer skills and introducing game skills and rules
- Community contribution

**SCREENING MEASURES:**

- Completion of Coaching Application form including personal references
- Mandatory completion (CPIC) Criminal Record Check

