Soccer for Success

Head Coach Job Description

Soccer for Success is the U.S. Soccer Foundation's innovative youth development program that uses soccer as a tool to combat childhood obesity and promote healthy lifestyles for children in under-resourced urban communities. *Soccer for Success* uses sport for social change and strives to address the holistic needs of under-served children.

JOB SUMMARY

This position will lead the implementation and oversight of the *Soccer for Success* program in one of the twelve elementary school locations across South Seattle (Kent, Auburn, Highline, Tukwila). The Head Coach serves as a mentor and positive role model for children. The Head Coach must follow the U.S. Soccer Foundation curriculum and abide by all Washington Youth Soccer and school district policies. Individual program schedules will be determined by Washington Youth Soccer and the school, but format will follow: three 90 minutes sessions per week, spread over two 12-week seasons (fall/spring), immediately following the end of the school day. Start times range from 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm. Coaches will be expected to work for 2 hours on each of the three days.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

1. Implements U.S. Soccer Foundation *Soccer for Success* curriculum.
2. Oversees practice sessions that are both stimulating and instructive, conducted on a regular basis with the goal of developing the players greatest potential; teaches basic fundamental skills of soccer; emphasizes and promotes healthy, active lifestyles, good sportsmanship and nutritional eating.
3. Supervises players to promote effective student learning through participation in athletic activities and nutritional education.
4. Serves as a positive role model and mentor for youth; teaches positive behavior such as teamwork, sportsmanship, and self-respect.
5. Facilitates 2-3 hour adult vs. kid scrimmage game and coaching clinic for interested for teachers/parents once per year.
6. Oversees equipment and systematic return of all equipment at the finish of each session and season.
7. Oversees 2 Assistant Coaches and potential Volunteer Coaches.
8. Oversees delivery of healthy snack at the start of each session.
9. Follows and implements required monitoring and evaluation policies/tools, including weekly reports, attendance monitoring, BMI and pacer testing etc,.

OTHER JOB DUTIES

1. Attends mandatory training before the start of each season (August, February).
2. Attends all Washington Youth Soccer *Soccer for Success* coaching meetings including monthly Head Coach conference calls.
3. Attends and assists at Family Engagement Events.
4. Follows school district procedures for handling injuries.
5. Builds professional relationships with school and community partner representatives.
6. Communicates with Washington Youth Soccer lead on a weekly basis; daily if needed. Replies to all communication from Washington Youth Soccer in a timely manner.

RELATIONSHIPS

Reports to Washington Youth Soccer *Soccer for Success* Lead.
Works in partnership with school and community partners.

CONDITIONS

Work with elementary students in outdoor playing field or indoor course/gymnasium, depending on school location; physical ability to lift and move sports equipment and demonstrate sport skills; may be exposed to inclement weather.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience

Graduation from high school or equivalent and 3 years of soccer coaching experience; must be at least 21 years of age (WIAA regulation). Experience overseeing and developing youth soccer coaches preferred. Experience working with diverse and varied socio-economic backgrounds and elementary aged students. Preference will be given to coaches with a US Soccer National 'D' License or Washington Youth Soccer 'E' Certificate or extensive coaching experience.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Knowledge of youth soccer and coaching best practices
Ability to maintain a professional relationship with School and Community Partners
Ability to work with a variety of people in a multi-cultural, diverse socio-economic setting
Ability to develop concepts such teamwork, healthy lifestyles, sportsmanship and nutrition
Ability to oversee Assistant Coaches and Volunteer Coaches
Ability to instruct coaching clinic for interested volunteers
Ability to follow reporting requirements set forth by Washington Youth Soccer
Ability to implement monitoring requirements such as: BMI testing and Player Surveys
Ability to coach both fall and spring season preferred

Licenses/Special Requirements

First Aid Certificate and CPR card are required.
Must be able to pass the Washington Youth Soccer Risk Management Assessment and Federal Background Check.
Washington Youth Soccer Coaching Education 'E' Certificate/License preferred.

SALARY

The Head Coach will be contracted at $50.00 per session, for a total of 36 (fall) or 72 (fall and spring) sessions. All Events will be paid at $15 an hour. There will be 2-3 events per season, lasting approx 3-4 hours after school or on a weekend. Coaches will be hired as a 1099 contractual vendor.