



Girls in the Game Part-time Coach Job Description

About Girls in the Game

Girls in the Game provides and promotes sports & fitness opportunities, nutrition & health education and leadership development to enhance the overall health and well-being of all girls. Our year-round continuum of programs includes programs for elementary, middle and high school girls, a five-week summer camp, one-day health fests, a year-round leadership development program and parent or guardian healthy lifestyles trainings.

Girls in the Game After School is an innovative citywide collaborative that uses sports and fitness, health and nutrition education and leadership and life-skills development to improve the overall physical health and emotional well-being of school-aged girls. The 30-week program spans the entire school year, and weekly program sessions run 90-120 minutes in length, depending on the age group. The program is structured around three-week modules, with each module incorporating a physical activity, such as basketball, soccer or creative movement; a health education topic, such as smart eating, body image, or drug and alcohol education; a leadership skills topic, such as sportswomanship, self-awareness and identity or peer pressure; and a key message that translates information learned into everyday life.

Girls in the Game is seeking a part-time coach (5-8 hours a week) to do the following:

- Assist in the instruction of the programming held at multiple sites throughout the city
- Coordinate and maintain regular communication with schools/youth centers, coaches and volunteers
- Learn and lead the curriculum used for programming for up to 25 participants per site
- Help to coordinate and chaperone regular weekend activities, bringing together all schools/sites
- Attend weekly coaches' training meetings and complete weekly progress forms
- Participate in the evaluation of Girls in the Game After School
- Organize and maintain program materials and equipment

Skills Required

- Ability to work from a strength-based and/or youth development perspective
- Capacity to engage others from diverse cultures and various sectors of the community
- Excellent facilitation, communication and writing skills
- Ability to perform in a proactive and self-directed fashion as well as a contributing team member
- Flexibility, positive attitude and desire to continually improve professional skills
- Ability to participate in moderate physical activity and play (run, jump, bend, kneel) with periods of intense physical activity, for duration of program
- Ability to lift and carry equipment and supplies (up to 40 lbs)

Qualifications

- Demonstrated commitment to a healthy and active lifestyle
- Experience and enthusiasm to work with girls and adults in a variety of settings and activities, preferably in a nonprofit setting
- Some college course work, preferably in a health or related field
- Strong commitment to promoting positive change in the lives of girls

- Comfortable and committed to working with participants and staff from diverse backgrounds
- Must be available to work occasional evenings and weekends
- Regular travel to sites and off-site meetings as required, car preferred
- Experience leading sports or coaching a plus, but not a requirement

Licensing Required

- Employment is contingent upon proof of eligibility to work
- Verification of degree/credentials
- Valid driving license and proof of insurance on personal vehicle, if driving
- Background check and fingerprint clearance
- Recent satisfactory DMV printout of driving record
- Agreement to uphold all of the Girls in the Game Policies and Procedures (by signature)

Time Commitment

Part-time, starting in September (depending on the site's start date) and until the program ends in late May with a minimum 10-week commitment. All staff will be scheduled to lead sessions at a minimum of two sites per week, during the afternoon. All staff must be available to attend a staff training/orientation in early September and weekly on-going training.

Working Conditions

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

This position requires:

Frequently: Sitting, Walking, Running, Active Play, Seeing, Hearing, Speaking, Standing, Carrying

Occasionally: Stooping, Lift up to 40 lbs, Squatting, Kneeling, Bending, Pushing/Pulling

Seldom: Climbing, Twisting

Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Accountability

This position reports directly to the Youth Services Manager or Teen Services Manager, depending on the age group.

Pay Rate

Starting rate is \$10/hour with the possibility of earning bonuses upon completion of commitment.

To Apply

Send a resume and cover letter by email to programs@girlsinthegame.org or fax to 312.633.4897. No phone calls please.

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