



THE BIG ISSUE – COMMUNITY STREET SOCCER PROGRAM

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title: Assistant Coach

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REPORTS TO: Street Soccer Coach
LOCATION: <Insert Venue>
INSURANCE: Covered by The Big Issue

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Big Issue in Australia Limited (TBI) is a not-for-profit community organisation that seeks to provide ways to assist homeless, ex-homeless and unemployed people to participate in society as independently as possible.

The Big Issue Community Street Soccer Program offers homeless and marginalized people an opportunity to improve their physical and psychological well-being through soccer.

The program uses physical activity, in the form of organised sport, as a catalyst for transforming the lives by reconnecting homeless with the community and providing them with a real sense of purpose and belonging. Most critically, it gives them a great boost in self-esteem and a vision for a brighter future.

Community Street Soccer values participation – and the benefits this brings - over football skills and scoreboard competition. It fosters inclusiveness, commitment, selflessness & team spirit – all directed towards improving the individual's physical and psychological lifestyle and wellbeing. Most importantly, it allows both males and females, of all ages and varying abilities and fitness levels, to play sport and feel involved.

VOLUNTEER POSITION OBJECTIVE

To work with the Street Soccer Program Coordinator and Coach to make the program, training, events and camps as accessible, enjoyable and safe as is possible to participants, staff and other volunteers.

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

The Assistant Coach is required to support the Street Soccer Coach in conducting weekly training sessions by:

- Conducting the warm up and cool down sessions
- Conducting soccer skill sessions for approximately 10-15 players
- Assisting in the delivery of special events such as Corporate matches and the State Camp
- Recording player attendance and assisting players in completing code of conduct paperwork
- Filling in as Coach if the regular Street Soccer Coach is absent from training

ESSENTIAL ATTRIBUTES

The following attributes are vital to your effectiveness as a volunteer with the Street Soccer Program:

- Experience in playing or coaching with ability to coach basics in soccer and run drills for groups/individuals
- An interest in working with people from disadvantaged backgrounds, people with mental illness, people with drug and alcohol addiction.
- Sensitive and receptive listening skills
- Ability to work in a team environment



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- Cross-cultural awareness
- Ability to maintain agreed commitments
- A non-judgemental and tolerant attitude to clients
- High level of interpersonal and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work in a potentially stressful environment
- Ability to multitask and prioritise responsibilities
- A positive 'can do' attitude
- Patience and good observation skills

DESIRABLE ATTRIBUTES

- FFA coaching qualifications or sports coaching qualifications
- Previous experience working with disadvantaged communities
- A reliable car and licence (although the venue may be accessible by public transport)
- Current First Aid Certificate
- A Criminal Records check will be required if application is successful

TIME REQUIREMENTS

The volunteer Assistant Coach is expected to attend the weekly 2 hour training session on an ongoing basis in order to build relationships with players, staff and other volunteers.

TO APPLY

Please download a volunteer application form and return to the Street Soccer team by post, email or fax. For any enquiries, please call 03 9650 0482. Please attach your CV to the application form if you wish.

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