



Mornington Peninsula Junior Football League – Academy **Age Group Head Coach – Interleague Program**

Background

The MPJFL is currently fielding applications for the role of Age Group Head Coach for the 2024 Interleague Program. The MPJFL Academy was established to facilitate development opportunities for participants from within the league and includes a variety of development programs that align to the player pathway.

Overview

The Interleague Program will encompass a trial and training program, where the age group head coach will be responsible for leading the relevant team staff to execute the assigned coaching curriculum and player development objectives.

The role will focus on on-field and off-field education, mentoring and the leadership of young, talented and aspiring footballers. The age group head coach will lead a team of coaches and support staff to create the best learning environment possible for the playing group, utilizing a development focused approach.

Key Responsibilities

(Trial and Training Phases – February to July)

- Plan, set up and attend program training as required in your assigned age group (one session per week for 90/120 mins depending on the session).
- Perform Head Coaching duties on all match days as required.
- Construct training programs that align with the overall MPJFL Interleague objectives and values.
- Educate players on the fundamental skills, habits and behaviors required to progress in their footballing journey.
- Liaise with league management as required, regarding program planning, logistics, communication, and the execution of key deliverables.
- Manage the Age Group Development Coaches (assistant coaches) and collaborate efficiently with the relevant team staff.
- Liaise with the Director of Coaching as required.
- Attend meetings and coaching development sessions as required.
- Perform other duties as requested by the Director of Coaching or League Management.
- Attend program review and planning sessions as required.

Relationships

- Reports to: League Management and the Director of Coaching
- Manages: Age Group Development Coaches and Team Staff
- Must have an ability to collaborate with other coaches, academy staff, administrators and other key stakeholders
- Local coaches and clubs

Essential Selection Criteria

- Minimum Level 1 AFL Coaching Accreditation (Level 2 Desirable).
- Current Working with Children Check (or willing to obtain).
- Experience coaching in elite junior or senior football program.
- Experience in a head coaching role.
- A willingness to learn and improve own coaching skill set.
- Deep understanding of football development focus areas and the talent pathway.
- A demonstrated passion for junior development.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills, including the ability to facilitate open, transparent discussions.
- High level organizational skills and a demonstrated ability to manage multiple tasks.
- A strong personal brand, including well developed personal values, with a particular focus on professionalism and accountability.

Time Required

- One night per week during the Interleague Training Program (between 2-3 hours).
- Meetings as required (no more than 1x fortnightly during the training period).

Child Safety Employment Screening

The MPJFL is committed to providing a child-safe environment where children and young people are safe, feel safe, and their voices heard about decisions that affect their lives. The MPJFL have strong recruitment procedures with extensive screening of applicants including comprehensive reference checks, identity checks, "Working with Children" checks and/or national criminal history checks to ensure the safest and most suitable people work with us.

How to apply

To apply for this role, please send your resume along with a cover letter to admin@mpjfl.com.au.