**VOLUNTEER COACH JOB DESCRIPTION**

The coach of a sports team is responsible for:

* The on field performance of the athletes in their team
* Preparing those athletes, both physically, mentally and socially so they are reading to play
* Developing the skills of those athletes so they are better people and players once they leave the team

## Responsible To

The Volunteer Coach is directly responsible to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the club and its members.

## Responsibilities and Duties

Provide a quality coaching service to athletes through:

* Providing training sessions 1-2 times a week
* Attending all team games
* Planning and managing training sessions
* Mentoring and developing players in the squad
* Strong communication between players, parents & club/school around the progress of team
* Supervising and managing athletes in competition
* Developing technical, tactical and life skills of the athletes you are coaching
* Managing resources and equipment
* Building a positive, supportive and inclusive team environment that provides for athlete enjoyment, success and challenge
* Being a role model and providing leadership
* Ensuring the health and safety of the athletes you are coaching
* Following all aspects of the Sport NZ coach’s code of conduct.
* Evaluating personal performance annually reporting to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and ensure succession of own position if applicable

## Knowledge and Skills Required

Ideally a Volunteer Coach is someone who:

* Understand the characteristics and needs of the athletes you coach
* Understand the components of a training session and of competitions relevant to the athletes being coached
* Appropriate communication, management and coaching skills for the athletes being coached

*Time Commitment Required*

The estimated time commitment required as the Volunteer Coach of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_hours per week.

*The time commitment required as the coach of a club/group varies greatly from club/group to club/group. Smaller clubs may require a coach to spend only a half an hour to an hour per week or larger clubs two to three hours per week.*