

Sport Development Agent - Junior SpikeBall/Volleyball Club Development

Department: Development and Coaching

Background

The Volleyball Association of Ireland (VAI) has been extremely successful in developing an adapted form of Volleyball called SpikeBall in Primary and Post Primary schools all around the country. To capitalise on this success and to ensure that this growth is sustainable the Association wishes to develop junior community based clubs in various areas around the country. These clubs must be self-financing and independently run at local level. It is envisaged that these clubs, with support, will eventually grow into clubs that cater for both senior and junior players.

The Position

The Association wishes to engage with an independent Agent (self employed) who will play a key part in developing sustainable Junior SpikeBall/Volleyball clubs in a defined geographical area. Key areas would include Cavan, Longford, Monaghan, Galway, Roscommon and Kildare. The Agent will also be working within a team of Sport Development officers and a defined strategy. Development of new clubs at junior level and attracting volunteers to help administer them will be the focus of the position. Providing the VAI with information to enable them to plan effectively for the future will also be of importance. The geographical area being developed will be agreed by the VAI and the contracted party. The role will involve dealing with Teachers, Volunteers, Government funded bodies, local community groups and many others and so presentation skills are extremely important. The ability to work as part of a team will also be crucial.

Schedule of Duties include

- Develop resource materials to support clubs
- Liaise with LSP's, County Councils and other relevant agencies and organisations to help develop new clubs
- Liaise with Community games to develop volleyball sections in their clubs
- Liaise with Foróige and other Youth organisations to develop new sections and new clubs
- Establish the key standards and performance targets for new clubs
- Identify sources of funding to support new and existing clubs
- Support the work of the other Sport Development Officers and National Children's Officer
- Develop links between local schools and community based clubs etc.
- Develop and organise appropriate training courses to enhance club development in your area
- Help initiate local leagues/blitzes between clubs
- This schedule of duties is not to be regarded as comprehensive as there may be other duties and requirements associated with the post from time to time.

Specifications

- Previous experience of or knowledge of sport development is ideal
- Proven track record in working both as part of a team and independently on their own initiative.
- The ability to develop their own work programmes around pre-determined policies.
- Excellent inter personal and communication skills
- Ability to be flexible with their working hours as a great portion of the work will happen at evenings and weekends
- A car and full driving license are essential to the role.

Appointment

Following the allocation of the contract the appointed Agent will meet with the Director of Development and Coaching (DDC) to establish key priorities following which a detailed work

programme will be drawn up. There will be training given before placement and once in position the Agent will report formally to the DDC at least once a month.

Terms

Position: 6-month engagement (may be renewed subject to funding)
Hours: 20 hours per week
Agent's Fee: €6,500 plus travel/subsistence expenses (invoiced monthly)
Working Papers: All applicants must be eligible to work in Ireland.

Successful applicants will be required to undergo the Garda Vetting Process

Application Process

Please submit your application outlining the following:

1. Geographical area you would target to develop clubs
2. Your proposed strategy for developing this role
3. Details of your track record of developing an area
4. Your availability to commence work from September 2010
5. Your ability to develop their own work programmes around pre-determined policies.

All applications should be received on or before 12pm on 20th August 2010

For further information on Volleyball Ireland, please visit our website – www.volleyballireland.com

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