



Playground Activity Leader	
Date: 2/10/16	Category: Coach
Department: Coaching	Reports to: Regional Commissioner
Description Approval By:	Date: 8/10/2015
<u>POSITION OVERVIEW</u>	
<p>The volunteer position of Playground Activity Leader is designed to be taught by adults who have had training in working with very young children and the program would merely give the young children an opportunity to develop their motor and social skills in a nurturing, non-competitive environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AYSO Playground is a child development program. The objective of this program is to help develop, in collaboration with the parent or guardian, the child's Fundamental Motor Skills with using soccer as a common thread. This must be clearly communicated to parents in a pre-program meeting to set the standard of expectations. • The program allows participants to gradually discover the game for themselves by scaffolding the activities in a fun AYSO environment. Meanwhile parents or guardians are provided a simple introduction into the foundation AYSO with a goal of developing them into volunteer coaches, referees and administrators. • AYSO Playground is NOT a coaching program. • Ideally, the Playground Leader will have support from numerous regional coaches who will act as Activity Leaders to help lead each group that is formed per week. 	
<u>SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It shall be the responsibility of each Regional Commissioner, with the support of the Area Director and Section Director, to ensure the AYSO Playground curriculum is being followed in their respective Regions, Areas and Sections. • The AYSO National Coaching Advisory Commission supported this program predicted on the basis that the specific guidelines provided are followed and that all decisions regarding the program are made in the best interest of the payers. 	
<u>ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS</u>	



- Conduct a Parent Meeting, explaining this is not a team based program and does not use competitive games to teach fundamental motor skills. Orientation should explain the one with one jamboree training style, parent participation, and focus on developing individual fundamental motor skills that will lead to a higher quality youth soccer experience.
- Review the Parent Orientation Video
- Conduct only age appropriate activity sessions from the Playground Manual
- Promote the AYSO philosophies
- Complete understanding of AYSO National Coaching Program
- Support the Regional Commissioner
- Distribute activity schedules to parents
- Knowledge of appropriate expectations for young children
- Ability to create a warm, non-threatening environment

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES

- Some travel may be expected as related to member training opportunities.
- Associated duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Currently registered and accepted volunteer.
- Ability to create a warm, non-threatening environment
- Knowledgeable of appropriate expectations for young children
- Enjoys working in an instructional environment with young children
- Is energetic and enthusiastic
- Is flexible
- Ability to engage children
- Values all children
- Ability to recognize when children need encouragement and/or motivation
- Able to motivate and engage young children
- Able to offer encouragement
- Has desire to learn the techniques necessary for teaching motor skills
- Has good interpersonal skills and processes the ability to communicate well with parents
- Respectful of children and their parents
- Ability to remain calm in all situations
- Willingness to learn new information and techniques
- Values good sportsmanship

IDEAL CANDIDATES

- Pre-School / Kindergarten Teachers
- Early Childhood Development
- Demonstrated ability to work well with young children



EDUCATION/TRAINING/ EXPERIENCE

- Strong knowledge and experience with the soccer community in the United States is a definite plus.
- AYSO’s Safe Haven
- Review Playground Manual
- Review Playground Parent Video
- U5 Schoolyard and U6 Coach Training
- Instructor Training is strongly encouraged

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

These physical requirements are representative of those necessary for an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this position.

- Travel locally.
- Vision acuity sufficient to analyze and assure accuracy of written documents
- Speaking and hearing sufficient to conduct business
- Dexterity of hands and fingers sufficient to operate computer and office equipment
- Lifting of up to 30 pounds
- Sitting for extended periods of time
- Standing, walking, reaching with arms and hands, lifting, climbing, stooping, kneeling, crouching.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job.

ACCOMMODATION

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By signing this job description, volunteer acknowledges that he or she has read and received a copy of it. Employee also acknowledges that this job description supersedes all prior job descriptions and is intended to describe the general content and essential requirements for the position listed above; but that it is not to be construed as an exhaustive statement of requirements, duties and responsibilities. Volunteer is also aware that the Organization reserves the right to add or change the duties of this position at any time to meet the needs of the program and its deliver

Dated: _____

Signed: _____