**INTRODUCTION**

A junior coach is responsible for developing & conducting training programs and matchday activities to ensure all players are allowed to develop their skills and knowledge of the game of Australian Football.

**WOULD SUIT SOMEONE WHO**

* Has a passion for teaching the game to children
* Is capable of interacting with children in a positive manner

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Preseason**

* Contact all players from the previous season notifying them of plans for the upcoming season
* In conjunction with the Coaching Coordinator, develop a skill development program in accordance with the club skills program
* Recruit a Team Manager who can handle all off-field responsibilities
* Attend upskilling opportunities offered by the league where possible
* Conduct pre-season training which is fun and inclusive for all skill levels
* Develop team rules & set goals for the team’s performance for the upcoming season

 **During the Season**

* Develop coaching drills which develop players skills & understanding of the game
* Ensure players enjoy training & matchplay
* Coach in accordance with the AFL Next Generation Australian Football Match Policy
* Promote good sportsmanship in players as well as their parents
* Always act in accordance with the Coaches Code of Conduct
* Ensure players meet the basic skill competencies as set out in the club skill development plan
* Be organised and timely in arriving at training & matches
* Ensure all players uphold the image of the club and act with discipline at all times

**KEY RELATIONSHIPS**

* **Reportable To: Coaching Coordinator**
* Auskick Coordinator (junior coaches only)
* Players
* Parents
* Team Support Staff

**TIME COMMITMENT REQUIRED**

* Attend two training sessions per week, lasting no more than 1.5 hours each (2 hours including set-up)
* Coach the team on matchdays (approximately 2-3 hours depending on age group)
* Throughout the year, 1 hour per week should be dedicated to planning the upcoming trainings & matches. Prior to the season beginning, this will include developing goals and upskilling in conjunction with the Coaching Coordinator

**TRAINING/EXPERIENCE & RESOURCES REQUIRED**

* Minimum Level 1 coaching accreditation (club can provide training at no expense if required)
* Sign the Coaches Code of Conduct
* Blue Card (club can provide the paperwork at no expense if required)
* Refer to the club skill development plan
* Apply First Aid accreditation preferred but not compulsory