



Job Posting: Volunteer Soccer Coach Boston Scores School Year 2019-20

About Boston Scores

Boston Scores is a free after school program for urban students in grades K-12 that combines soccer with classroom-based poetry, service learning and financial literacy.

Boston Scores promotes leadership, teamwork, commitment and positive self-expression among urban young people. We currently serve nearly 2,000 students annually on 60 school-based soccer teams across the Boston Public School system, plus high school and summer programs.

Volunteer placements are available at public schools in most neighborhoods throughout Boston. Positions are available for both Elementary (grades 3-5) and Middle School (grades 6-8) age groups. Part-time paid head & assistant coach positions are available as well, but require a more intense time commitment than volunteer positions.

About The U.S. Soccer Foundation:

Boston Scores uses the U.S. Soccer Foundation's *Soccer for Success* curriculum as the foundation of our after school soccer program. *Soccer For Success* uses the Beautiful Game as a tool to combat childhood obesity and promote healthy lifestyles for children in under-resourced urban communities.

The Soccer For Success Program:

- Meets 3 times per week
- 15 players per team
- 8-week fall season (Sept.- Nov.)
- 90 minute sessions (2 hour commitment per day)
- Coach to player ratio of 1 to 7 (including Assistant Coaches)
- 10-week spring season (March – June)

Responsibilities of the Volunteer Soccer Coach include:

- ❖ Attend & conduct soccer practices and/or games at least once per week for approximately 2 hours per session. Practices and games take place in the late afternoon on weekdays. There are no weekend sessions.
- ❖ Assist coaching staff in organizing 15 soccer players and transitioning them smoothly between stages of practice
- ❖ Assist coaching staff in Opening Circle (welcome) & Closing Circle (reflections) to start & end each practice
- ❖ Assist coaching staff with setting up soccer practice fields (cones, portable goals, drill stations, water) as requested
- ❖ Help to collect all student evaluation data, which includes: PACER test score (for aerobic capacity data) and a seasonal youth development survey
- ❖ Abide by Boston Scores organizational guidelines
- ❖ Teach and role model Boston Scores' core values of teamwork, commitment, leadership, and sportsmanship
- ❖ Attend a required Boston Scores pre-season training session
- ❖ Communicate responsively with Boston Scores staff when requested via email, text or phone
- ❖ Pass required background checks for Boston Scores, U.S. Soccer Foundation and Boston Public Schools

Skills and Qualifications:

- ❖ Familiarity with the basic rules and positions of the sport of soccer is a plus, but is not required
- ❖ Prior coaching and/or positive youth development experience is a plus, but is not required
- ❖ Must enjoy working in urban communities and have a commitment to urban education
- ❖ Should be positive, patient and have an ability to communicate with and relate to children
- ❖ Fluency in Spanish is an additional asset
- ❖ Duties include work that requires physical exertion and may include lifting equipment weighing up to 25 pounds
- ❖ Applicants must be 18 years of age or older



Compensation: This is a Volunteer position. All volunteers will receive Boston Scores apparel for practices and game days.

To Apply

Please email a paragraph on your interest in volunteering for Boston Scores along with a resume to Soccer Program Coordinator Nelson Reyes at: nelson@bostonscores.org.

Boston Scores is committed to recruiting and maintaining a diverse volunteer corps; individuals from all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

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