



U3–U5 Coach & Program Coordinator

Position Summary

The U3–U5 Coach & Program Coordinator leads Vancouver Athletic FC’s “Grasshoppers” program for children ages 3–5 — the Club’s first introduction to soccer and physical literacy. This role combines hands-on coaching with light program coordination, ensuring a fun, engaging, and well-organized experience for young players and their families.

The successful candidate will bring energy, creativity, and strong communication skills, with a passion for teaching through play. This is a part-time, seasonal position requiring availability on weekend mornings and some weekday late afternoons or evenings during spring, summer, and fall programming.

Key Responsibilities

Program Operations

- Deliver active, age-appropriate U3–U5 sessions emphasizing fun, movement, and basic coordination in a positive environment.
- Build and maintain weekly program schedules in coordination with the House Coordinator and Operations Manager.
- Support the setup and organization of equipment at each session and ensure a safe, inclusive, and welcoming field environment.

Coaching Leadership

- Lead sessions and provide mentorship to assistant coaches, modeling energetic, playful, and inclusive coaching practices.
- Help develop and refine a simple, repeatable U3–U5 curriculum, including activities, safety notes, and session plans.
- Communicate program details to families — such as reminders, weather updates, and what to bring — in alignment with VAFC communications standards.

Community Engagement

- Build positive relationships with parents, coaches, and volunteers to create a friendly, community-based experience for all participants.
- Represent VAFC professionally at all times and contribute to the club’s culture of respect, teamwork, and fun.

Qualifications

- Experience engaging young children (ages 3–6) in sport, recreation, or early childhood education settings.
- Background in soccer or youth coaching preferred, but not required.
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to communicate clearly with parents and other staff.

- Energetic, reliable, and organized; comfortable working both independently and collaboratively.
- Satisfactory Criminal Record Check (vulnerable sector) required.

Work Environment

This is a part-time, field-based role. Hours average 25–30 per month during active program periods but may rise to 35–40 hours per month during peak seasons. Most work takes place outdoors at local parks and school gyms across Vancouver, with some light administrative coordination completed remotely.

How to Apply

Please send your resume and a brief cover note outlining your experience and availability to careers@vafc.ca with the subject line “U3–U5 Coach & Program Coordinator.”