



## **POSITION DESCRIPTION – TEAM COACH**

Coach of a team is the leader of the group and should always display appropriate behaviour. Their role is to help players develop skills and positive attitudes to physical activity and sport generally.

**SKILLS AND REQUIREMENTS:-** Effective communication; A sound organiser; Working knowledge of the rules and skills of the game; Be able to organise team players so that they gain benefit from involvement; Current 'Working with Children' Blue Card.

**ORGANISATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS:-** All Committee and Sub-Committee of the club; Members and Volunteers; Local and State Sporting Association; Members of Parliament both Local/ State/Federal.

### **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Volunteers must ensure the club and teams comply with all legislation - Association Incorporation; Member protection, welfare and safety; and National/State/Local Sporting Associations.
- Volunteers must ensure the club is run according to its rules (constitution), purpose, policies and procedures.
- Volunteers must act in the best interest of the entire club and its members at all times, and not use their position for promotion of an individual.
- Coaches must hold appropriate qualifications as stipulated by the league/region/state, and attend updates as required to maintain accreditation.
- Coaches must hold a current 'Working with Children' Blue Card.
- Coaches should have a thorough knowledge of the laws of the game, and specific rules relating to the age groups.
- Coaches should have a sound understanding of modern coaching and teaching principles.
- Coaches of international teams should have a sound working knowledge of positions and be able to evaluate the best position for each player.
- Coaches encourage players and team support officials to abide by the rules at all times, support the National Code of Conduct and National Safe Play Code.
- Coaches encourage players to become involved in rugby league as a safe, healthy and enjoyable activity.
- Coaches should introduce programs to improve player's fitness levels for a healthier lifestyle.
- Coaches should have good motivational and communication skills.
- Coaches encourage players to develop a proper attitude to competitiveness.
- Coaches should ensure that the coaching reflects the level of the competition being played.
- Coaches should test, evaluate and refine each player's individual skills.
- Coaches foster club spirit amongst all players and encourage them to participate in a sporting manner.
- Coaches follow the club's directive and liaise with the club's Coaching Director as and when required.
- Coaches need to support the coaching initiatives of the club and local/region/state associations.
- Coaches are to refrain from unnecessary criticism of Referees.
- Coaches and Managers are responsible for ensuring they have support staff (ie Touch Judge/League Safe/FAO) and that all support staff have the appropriate accreditation for their position.
- Coaches and Managers are responsible for all club gear given to the team and ensure its prompt return at the finish of the season.
- Coaches and Managers have a 'duty of care' to the members of their team, and are responsible for their safety both at training and games.