



Position: **GAME LEADER** (U4 to U8)

2019

Reports to: Recreational Development Manager

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## Club Philosophy

“As many as possible, for as long as possible, in the best environment possible.” North Toronto Nitros soccer is striving to provide an exceptional soccer experience in which children will learn and continue to love the game and experienced players can develop within the club as coaches and match officials.

## Job Description

The **Game Leader** is responsible for teaching soccer skills and leading games in the **U4 to U8** age groups within the club’s Recreational Program. In U7 and U8, the new Game Leader position combines the two traditional roles of Development Coach and Referee.

(For U9 and older, the coaching and match official pathways begin to diverge. Experienced Game Leaders who desire to work with players 9+ will have the opportunity to concentrate on either the *Match Official Development* pathway or the *Coach Development* pathway, or to continue along both pathways.)

## Key Responsibilities

### **U4 & U5 Active Start**

- Each team has one Game Leader.
- Each session is divided into 4 segments: 2 games and 2 planned instructional activities. The session structure and NTSC curriculum for U4 and U5 sessions are detailed [here](#).
- The Game Leader is responsible for:
  - instructing the 2 age-specific activities to one team and leading their activity sessions
  - leading that team in 2 small-sided games of varying formats with another team
- The Game Leader works consistently with the same team each week, often in conjunction with a parent volunteer coach.

### **U6 to U8 FUNdevelopment**

- Each team has one Game Leader.
- Each session is divided into 4 segments: 2 games and 2 planned instructional activities. The session structure and NTSC curriculum for U6, U7 and U8 age groups are detailed [here](#).
- The Game Leader is responsible for:
  - instructing the 2 age-specific activities to one team and leading their activity sessions
  - leading the games; during the 2 game segments, the 2 Game Leaders will alternate the role of leading the game on the field
- The Game Leader works consistently with the same team in conjunction with parent volunteer coaches.

All club staff are responsible for fostering good sportsmanship in a fun and safe environment.

## Qualifications

### Mandatory

- Applicants for Game Leader must:
  - Be a minimum 14 years old
  - Have played organized soccer in competitive or recreational leagues
- Successful candidates **must** complete these 2 courses before being offered work:
  - [Respect in Sport Activity Leader](#) (2.5 hours online)
  - Ontario Soccer [Game Leader](#) (1/2 hour online)
- Successful candidates **must** attend North Toronto's pre-season *Game Leader Workshop*

### Optional

- These Ontario Soccer workshop courses are assets for Game Leaders. For this entry-level position, it is not necessary to have completed any of these courses before applying or starting work.

Match Official: [Small Sided Game Course](#) 1-day clinic - referee accreditation for 7v7  
 or [Entry Level Course](#) 2-day clinic - referee accreditation for 9v9 and 11v11

Coaching: [Active Start Course](#) half-day workshop - for ages U4 and U5  
[Fundamentals Course](#) 1-day workshop - for ages U6 to U8

*(These coaching courses may be taken from age 14; certificates cannot be issued until age 16)*

## Commitment

- Successful candidates are expected to be available each week for their assigned times for the duration of each season. Absences will be granted only in valid or extenuating circumstances.

## Aptitudes

- Reliable, punctual, energetic and personable
- Confident when working with children
- Able to work with volunteer coaches with varying levels of experience
- Able to take control of a game to ensure it is played in a safe and fun manner
- Strong interpersonal communication skills, especially verbal
- Commitment to maintain confidentiality in all matters involving player and parent interaction

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To apply for the position of **Game Leader** for one or both of the 2019 outdoor seasons,

Spring: May and June – weekend mornings (U4-U8) and weeknights (U6-U8, Mon-Thu)

Summer: July to September – Saturday mornings (U4-U6) and weeknights (U4-U8, Mon-Thu)

Please submit your application via the Google Form available at <https://ntsoccer.com/about-us/clubstaff/EmploymentOpportunities> by **March 13th, 2019**.

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those applicants whose background most closely matches the position's requirements will be contacted to arrange an interview.