



**Starfinder Foundation**

4015 Main Street, Philadelphia, PA 19127

[www.starfinderfoundation.org](http://www.starfinderfoundation.org)

**Position Title:** Competition Coordinator, Up2Us Coach

**Reports To:** Program Director

**About the Organization:** Starfinder is a nonprofit 501(c)3 that promotes positive youth development through high-quality youth sports programming. We use soccer as a framework to provide the opportunity and support youth need to be healthy contributors to their communities. We offer young people an experience through which they can excel in athletics, while practicing life and character development skills in a safe, fun, supportive, and challenging environment.

Starfinder primarily works with high school youth throughout the school year. During the summer months, Starfinder offers program opportunities to elementary, middle, and high school youth. At Starfinder, we believe in the power of play. Fun is a great emotional motivator and can be a useful tool for learning. We are dedicated to creating a culture that provides an opportunity to connect, learn, and grow from one another. We live our core values by modeling each value through our work and putting our best self forward for others to see. For more information, visit [starfinderfoundation.org](http://starfinderfoundation.org).

**About the Position:** The Competition Coordinator, Up2Us Coach is a challenging and rewarding one-year service position offering valuable experience and opportunity for professional growth within the sports-based youth development field.

The Competition Coordinator, Up2Us Coach is an AmeriCorps position through Up2Us Sports, and not paid directly by Starfinder. Up2Us Sports harnesses the power of sports to reduce youth violence, promote health, and inspire academic success for kids in every community. Up2Us Sports' flagship program is the Up2Us Coach program, a national coach/mentor program that trains, places, and supports coaches to provide meaningful experiences to youth in a variety of sports programs nationwide.

**Responsibilities:**

1. Coordinate all Starfinder leagues, tournaments, and competition events, including:
  - Promotion, marketing, recruitment, and communication with participants
  - Registration, player carding, referees, field permits, uniforms, trophies/medals, game/practice schedules, transportation, and staffing
2. Identify and create new opportunities for our youth to participate in healthy competition
  - Use the competitive environment at Starfinder to teach life readiness skills and reinforce our core values, such as goal-setting, growth mindset, REACH agreement, etc.
3. Develop and implement recruitment strategies for various Starfinder Programs.

- Research and attend school events, soccer games, resources fairs, etc. to promote Starfinder programs in the community.
  - Use events at Starfinder to increase interest and participation in Starfinder programs
4. Serve as a Coach Mentor to assigned cohort(s)
    - Support and facilitate daily program activities (including: soccer and fitness, relationship building and mentorship, character development, and academic support).
    - Model Starfinder's core values and encourage participants develop a growth mindset -- to connect, learn, and grow from one another. Foster the development of respect and trust of the community and youth served.
    - Using techniques from Starfinder and Up2Us Sports' trainings, encourage participants to develop and practice life readiness skills through sport.
    - Mentor student-athletes. This includes group and individual meetings with mentees over the course of the program year; checking-in frequently with your mentees on their attendance, character, academic and soccer development; recording daily notes on you mentees progress.
  5. Complete requirements of Up2Us Coach (AmeriCorps) program as outlined in Up2Us Coach contract.
    - Complete the minimum required hours of service and training by the last day of coach contract.
    - Attend Up2Us Coach Training Institute (date TBD) and all other required meetings, trainings, orientations, special initiatives, and days of service.
    - Submit bi-monthly reflections logs and timesheets.
  6. Directly support Starfinder team members in providing a high quality service to our communities and youth.
  7. Other duties as assigned.

## **Skills & Qualifications**

### ***Required***

- A passion for Starfinder's mission, enthusiasm for sports-based youth development
- Self-driven; ability to take initiative, follow-through, and meet deadlines
- Belief in and intentional practice of a growth mindset (i.e. that leadership skills can be taught)
- Background screening (criminal, child abuse, and FBI clearance)
- Proficiency with Office programs (Word, Excel)
- Strong organizational skills, attention to detail, ability to multi-task
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to successfully work with a team
- Ability to work after school hours regularly; including evenings and weekends

### ***Preferred***

- Flexibility, solutions-orientation, and eagerness to learn
- Previous experience working with youth in diverse communities strongly preferred
- Experience with databases a plus

- Experience playing or coaching soccer
- Fluency in multiple languages a plus
- Valid driver's license and access to a vehicle strongly preferred
- Safety certifications (CPR, First Aid)
- Associates degree or higher

**Starfinder's mission requires that our staff interact with and understand a broad array of cultures and backgrounds. We value having a talented team that reflects the population we serve, who come from diverse backgrounds and traditions, and who vary by race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, nationality, culture, religion, and abilities. We encourage individuals to apply who will contribute to a positive, inclusive, participatory learning environment and will help reinforce an atmosphere of mutual respect.**

**Compensation and Benefits:** This is a one year, full-time Up2Us Coach, position paid directly through the Corporation for National and Community Service's (CNCS) AmeriCorps program. Once hired, you will receive a modest living stipend (set at the poverty level of the service city) of approximately \$15,105 and be eligible for an Education Award of \$5,920 after completing 1700 hours of service and all requirements in Up2Us Coach contract.

The position begins on August 1, 2018 and ends on July 31, 2019.

### **How To Apply**

Please email cover letter and resume, along with the contact information for two references to: Kate Sandy: [kate@starfinderfoundation.org](mailto:kate@starfinderfoundation.org). Please include "Starfinder Competition Coordinator, Up2Us Coach" in the subject line. Please no phone calls. Applications will be reviewed upon receipt, early application is highly encouraged.

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