



## Girls Academy

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### **JOB DESCRIPTION – *Sporting Director***

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#### **Sporting Director**

**Contract:** Full Time Position

**Location:** Nationwide (*Remote*)

**Starting Salary Range:** \$75 - \$90k

**Benefits:** Annual Health Insurance Stipend

#### **ABOUT THE GIRLS ACADEMY**

The Girls Academy is the leading youth development platform for the best female soccer players in the United States. We are the only national youth soccer platform that represents the collective vision of member clubs and actively engages the voice of the players as an integral part of the league experience. We embrace and foster the desire of club members and players to maintain an unrivaled standard of excellence in coaching, competition, and regional and national showcase events throughout the year.

The Girls Academy is committed to cultivating an environment that empowers each player to reach their best potential as an exceptional athlete and human being by celebrating the player's journey driven by a lifelong love of the game through competition, showcases, and camaraderie.

#### **THE PLAYERS' VOICE MATTERS**

What makes the GA unique among other playing opportunities is the active role the league's players have in shaping the direction of the league. How? The one of its kind GA the [Advisory Panel](#), which affords the players the opportunity to nominate and maintain a player-led board that represents the thoughts, opinions, and vision of the players. The Advisory Panel is active in suggesting ways to improve the league, engaging in sponsor opportunities, organizing charitable initiatives, shaping league merchandise offerings, and more.

## **SPORTING DIRECTOR**

### **SUMMARY**

The Sporting Director is the primary contact for Conference Representatives, Member Club Directors and Member Club Coaches as well as the players within the League. The Sporting Director oversees all soccer-specific activities of the Girls Academy, ensuring the standards are being upheld and clubs are performing within the Girls Academy Frameworks efficiently and effectively.

The Sporting Director will report directly to the Commissioner, working collaboratively to ensure strategic goals of the League are being met. This position will be required to provide regular updates to the Girls Academy Board of Directors

### **The primary duties, tasks, and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:**

The **Sporting Director** provides day-to-day management of the soccer component of the Girls Academy to ensure the quality of soccer is tracked and evaluated, with a commitment to driving the level of competition forward and upholding a standard of excellence for all member clubs.

- Collaborates with GA Leadership in league planning and oversight.
- Attending all high-level key stakeholder meetings to address league innovation, quality improvement, and member club coordination.
- Reviews and tracks compliance of administrative and technical standards in collaboration with club directors.
- Serves on the Membership and Competitions Committee to ensure continued development and enhancement of league competitions and events.
- Acts as technical lead with external partners and key stakeholders including but not limited to: US Soccer, Elite Tournaments, US Officials, For Soccer marketing, and GA Member Clubs.
- Develop and implement a Coaching Education program.
- Provides key support for the bracketing and structure of all league competitions and events.
- Identifies, recruits and manages the membership process for potential new club members to join the league.
- Implement educational programming and initiatives focused on player and coach representation ensuring a commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

**Player Development & Talent Identification Program:** Develop and implement a strategic plan to ensure our players are identified for collegiate recruitment, youth national team opportunities, and the pro-player pathway. Attends and executes all elements of GA Talent ID programming and event management. Continues to develop and evolve player identification process while tracking and monitoring the development and successes of top GA talent.

## **PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS**

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in a relevant area such as business, sports management, operations required; Master's degree preferred

### **Skills & Qualifications:**

- A USSF Youth 'A' License or comparable relevant coaching qualification and/or experience
- Established connections and experience with the women's collegiate environment
- Comprehensive understanding and knowledge of the youth soccer landscape
- Effective interpersonal and communication skills (verbal and written)
- Ability to build and maintain positive relationships with Youth Club leaders
- Willingness to collaborate with multiple stakeholders and soccer community members
- Demonstrated ability to work independently, maintain confidentiality, and supervise others
- Ability to work with various constituents, enjoy being part of a team environment, and eager to collaborate with others
- Self-directed, motivated, and demonstration of strong self-initiative
- Minimum ten years' experience working in the youth or collegiate athletic landscape, soccer industry experience strongly preferred

### **Other:**

- Required overnight travel to GA Events and Showcases
- Non-traditional work hours, including weekends and evenings, are required on a regular basis.
- Other duties as assigned.

## **TECHNOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS**

- Microsoft Office Suite
- Deep understanding of web-based applications that are industry standard.
- Zoom, Google Meets, WebEx, and other video platforms.
- Data analysis
- Advanced Excel skills
- Analytical and problem-solving ability
- Ability to manage multiple tasks
- Strong organizational and time management skills

***Apply via Email: Please email resume and cover letter to:***

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