

Head Coach Position

Virginia Gators, Harrisonburg, VA has an immediate opening for a Head Coach. We are seeking a passionate coach committed to motivating and developing athletes from novice to state and national levels.

ABOUT GATORS SWIMMING:

Virginia Gators, Harrisonburg is a year round board-governed USA Swimming Club founded in the 1970's and located in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. With 100+ swimmers, the team ranges in age and ability from novice level to ISCA Junior National qualifiers. Virginia Gators, Harrisonburg is a satellite team of the Virginia Gators in Roanoke, VA, a 2018 USA Swimming Gold medal club.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1. 3+ years experience as a head coach or head age-group coach at a USA certified swim club.
- 2. Demonstrated history of successfully developing competitive, high-performance swimmers and successfully progressing them from an age group program to the national level.
- 3. Knowledgeable in and able to communicate current and proper stroke technique and development, dryland conditioning programs and taper strategies for all swimmers from age group through senior swimmers.
- 4. Excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills.
- 5. Able to motivate swimmers of all abilities to achieve their full potential.
- 6. Able to manage and mentor staff of assistant coaches, ensuring implementation of team philosophy and goals.
- 7. Ability to communicate with parents and board members, and create and follow a sustainable budget.
- 8. ASCA Level 3 certification (or equivalent) required, Level 4 preferred.
- 9. Member in good standing with USA Swimming and current with all background checks and required certifications.
- 10. Familiarity with Team Unify, Hy-Tek, and other swimming social media and software programs.
- 11. Bachelor's degree required.
- 12. Significant national club or collegiate swimming experience preferred.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF HEAD COACH INCLUDE:

- 1. Oversee and supervise the training program for all swim groups and clinics.
- 2. Coordinate the practice and swim meet schedule.
- 3. Effectively supervise, mentor and delegate responsibilities to the staff of assistant coaches.
- 4. Serve as the primary deck coach for the Senior and National level swimmers.
- 5. Identify and effectively correct technique deficiencies for swimmers in all groups.
- 6. Attend monthly board meetings, provide a monthly coach's report, conduct staff meetings, and execute staff reviews and swimmer evaluations.
- 7. Set team meet schedules for the SCY and LCM seasons and assist in organizing the home meet.
- 8. Encourage a fun, interactive, yet highly competitive atmosphere that self-motivates swimmers to attain and surpass their personal goals and expectations. Lead by example.
- 9. Oversee meet information, results, publicity, travel, newsletter, and website content.
- 10. Motivate swimmers and parents for full participation and enthusiasm.
- 11. Recruit, retain, and grow the team.

Salary & Benefits: Personal & Vacation benefits. Competitive salary (range of \$40-50K, commensurate with experience) and bonus incentives.

Application Deadline: Open until filled.

Interested applicants should send cover letter detailing experience and coaching philosophy, resume, salary expectations and three professional references to arnoldeaa@gmail.com.