

Tennis in the Parks Coach (Part-Time)

Location: TBD

Employment Type: Seasonal

Job Description

Do you have a passion for helping children and/or adults get active, have fun, stay healthy, and learn to play the lifelong sport of tennis? Do you want to be involved in an innovative, entrepreneurial, well-established and well-known nonprofit organization? Are you a leader who loves to work with people and provide excellent customer service? Then this position might just be in your court!

The New England Section of the US Tennis Association is a not-for profit organization looking for coaches for their Tennis in the Parks tennis programs which run in association with parks and recreation departments.

Qualifications:

- Desire to work with children, and/or adults, and to be a positive role model
- Play tennis
- Prior coaching experience desired (no tennis coaching experience necessary)
- Tennis coaching/teaching experience preferred
- Strong communication and customer relations skills
- Ability to collaborate with USTA New England, recreation department staff, volunteers, and others
- Ability to facilitate instruction, and play components of the program
- Ability to foster an inclusive environment
- Must be [Safe Play](#) approved and pass a full background screening (no cost)

Requirements:

- Create a welcoming, safe and fun learning environment for the participants
- Implement curriculum by facilitating/instructing play, as directed by USTA New England
- Provide instruction at site through delivery of program curriculum (play based approach)
- Oversee and maintain equipment
- Ensure equipment set-up and takedown
- Track attendance every day of the session
- Serve as point person for Tennis in the Parks at the program site
- Have site prepared for program delivery at least 15 minutes prior to start time of the program
- Stay at the site until all youth participants students have been picked up or have left the court with a parent or guardian
- Provide program and customer feedback to USTA New England staff
- Work with USTA New England and recreation department partner to determine weather related cancelations and rescheduling
- Run a Team Challenge (intra program play) for (youth participants) on the last day of each session
- Provide program participants with information on additional USTA New England and other local tennis program opportunities
- All other duties that fall within the program delivery but not explicitly outlined in this job description

Start Date: TBD

Compensation: \$25 per hour - paid as a w-2 part-time seasonal employee during the Tennis in the Parks program session(s)

Youth Coaching/ Play Expectations

The expectations for the youth program regarding utilizing the Net Generation curriculum and like activities for the program sessions are as follows:

The Net Generation curriculum and like activities will be used in the delivery of the program including character development. The goal is to progress the players through skill/ partner based activities to the point where they are learning to serve (underhand, drop hit, or overhand), rally, and score. On the last day of the session, players will play a Net Generation “team challenge” (intra program play) with other participants in their class. Players will play with the ball and on the court size with which they can achieve success in rallying.

Adult Coaching/ Play Expectations

Coaches are encouraged to use all the resources available to them to help adults achieve the ability to serve, rally, and play tennis. Coaches are to have participants playing tennis as soon as possible as part of the development and learning process. This includes utilizing the red, orange and green tennis balls and corresponding court sizes when applicable in the development and learning process.

Equipment Expectations

We will provide the tennis equipment to coaches as needed to coach the program. All equipment provided remains the property of USTA New England and when in a coaches possession is to only be used for Tennis in the Parks programs. Equipment is to be stored in a climate controlled environment when not in use.

Coach Training

Is available as wanted and/or if it is determined to be needed prior to the start of a coach coaching their first Tennis in the Parks session. Also, coaches will periodically be provided with training opportunities and resources. Some coach trainings may be mandatory.