



Do you enjoy working with youth cross country athletes? Is your goal to see kids develop athletically, socially and emotionally through fitness? Atlanta Track Club seeks an energetic coach to lead its Youth Cross Country Team's athletes. Atlanta Track Club Cross Country Youth Team is open to all Atlanta area middle school-age kids who have an interest in being part of a competitive cross country team, regardless of ability or experience level. The team will begin its fourth season in mid-August with practice taking place at Piedmont Park twice each week and Marist School twice each week during the early evening. Meets are on Saturday mornings. The team's season consists of mostly Atlanta area competitions until USATF Nationals in December.

Position: Coach - Cross Country Youth Team

Position Overview: Reporting to the Director of High Performance and working with the Youth Programming Manager, the Cross Country Coach will develop and implement a comprehensive coaching strategy that aids in athlete's physical development, goal setting abilities, enthusiasm for athletics, understanding of the importance of teamwork, work ethic, sportsmanship, social/emotional development and health and wellness knowledge. This person will work within Atlanta Track Club's coaching philosophy and ensure training is appropriate for the skill and experience level of each team member. This position will oversee all of the team's cross country athletes. A successful fall season may create opportunities to coach the Track and Field Youth Team in the spring. Experienced applicants may be eligible to be elevated to Head Youth Team Coach.

Responsibilities Include:

- Develop and implement cross country warmup routine, workouts and cool down routine
- Assign workouts based on each athlete's ability and experience level in accordance with Atlanta Track Club's coaching philosophy
- Develop strong relationships based on positive reinforcement with all Atlanta Track Club Youth Team athletes
- Create positive, fun and inclusive environment for all athletes
- Build strong relationships with team parents through good in-person and digital communication
- Provide athletes with a well-structured environment during practice and competitions
- Work cohesively with other teams and individuals that are practicing in the same vicinity as Atlanta Track Club creating an orderly environment for all
- Ensure the safety of each team member during practice and competitions
- Effectively and compassionately manage athletes who are acting inappropriately
- Register athletes for competitions
- Manage uniforms ordering and distribution
- Work within a strict budget defined by the High Performance Department
- Report to each practices and competitions on time
- Ensure each athlete leaves practices and competitions in accordance with their parent's wishes
- Manage and effectively communicate with large groups of children
- Maintain clear, effective communication with parents including but not limited to weekly team emails and regular correspondence
- Uphold values of Atlanta Track Club

Minimum Job Qualifications

- 1-3 years of youth coaching experience required
- Understanding of endurance sports
- Understanding of the unique developmental needs of athletes between 10 and 14 years of age
- Safe Sport Qualified – including comprehensive background check

About Atlanta Track Club

Atlanta Track Club is a nonprofit committed to creating an active and healthy Atlanta. Through running and walking, Atlanta Track Club motivates, inspires and engages the community to enjoy a healthier lifestyle. With more than 30,000 members, Atlanta Track Club is the second largest running organization in the United States. In addition to the AJC Peachtree Road Race – the largest 10K in the world, the Publix Atlanta Marathon, the PNC Atlanta 10 Miler and the Invesco QQQ Thanksgiving Day Half Marathon, Atlanta Track Club directs more than 30 events per year. Through the support of its members and volunteers, Atlanta Track Club also maintains a number of community initiatives including organizing and promoting the Kilometer Kids youth running program to metro Atlanta youth, honoring high school cross country and track and field athletes through Atlanta Track Club’s All-Metro Banquets and supporting other local nonprofits with similar missions through its Adopt-a-Mile program.

Compensation

Compensation will be commensurate with applicant’s experience.

How to Apply

Send your cover letter and resume to careers@atlantatrackclub.org by July 30, 2020. Because of the volume of applications received, please understand that we cannot respond to each applicant individually. You will be contacted if more information is required or if you are considered for the position to which you applied. No phone calls, please.