



**AFL Canada is seeking suitable and qualified applicants for the position of Assistant Coach for the Northern Lights, AFL Canada's National Women's team.**

**The Northern Lights were International Cup Champions in 2014 and have on two other occasions placed runner up. The candidate selected will be imperative in the maintenance of the high standards of previous Northern Lights teams.**

AFL Canada is seeking 3 assistant coaches who are passionate and enthusiastic about the development of Women's Australian Football in Canada. The successful applicants will be required to contribute to the skill development, strategy implementation and selection of women to join the Northern Lights program.

The assistant coaches will contribute directly to the on-field performance of the Northern Lights and will be accountable to the Northern Lights Head Coach - Tricia Rolfe. As well as maintaining a high level of performance on the field, AFL Canada regards off field culture and upholding the values of the national program as integral roles for all coaching staff.

The position will have the full support of the Head Coach, the AFL Canada Board of Directors and the Director of Coaching, and is viewed as an integral position for the high performance program moving forward.

We seek a coach that:

- Demonstrates passion for Australian Football in Canada, in particular the growth of the Women's game.
- Has a strong understanding of Australian Football, the Rules, positions and different playing strategies.
- Has a focus on people and is a strong and effective communicator.
- Is a team player and has experience in a team environment.
- Is highly adaptable and able to support flexibility with players located all over the country.
- Is able to manage all skill levels and abilities.
- Can assist with player recruitment, selection and retention.
- Has female player development experience, relating to skills and game style.
- Can provide regular individual and group feedback to the playing group.
- Is self motivated.
- Able to generate ideas on development.
- Ability to develop relationships with other organizations to help build the sport.

Previous coaching and people management experience is essential. Coaching experience with women is desirable, but not mandatory. The successful applicant will hold or be working toward an AFL Foundation Level accreditation and will obtain an RCMP background check, or be willing to obtain prior to position appointment.

The coach will be required to attend a certain number of provincial camps per year as well as various Northern Lights selection games; some (but limited) financial support may be available for travel. This is a volunteer position and will be appointed to run through to the end of the next iteration of the International Cup or equivalent World Championship tournament.

In your application please indicate your preference of a backs, forwards or midfield coach. Please forward applications including your coaching history/CV and a cover letter demonstrating your suitability for the position to [development@aflcanada.com](mailto:development@aflcanada.com).

***All applications are accepted in strict confidence***

***Applications close on the 14th of January, 2022.***