



PORTSMOUTH ABBEY SCHOOL

Title: Varsity Football Coach
Department(s): Athletics
Reports to: Athletic Director
Salary: Commensurate with experience.

About Portsmouth Abbey School:

Portsmouth Abbey School is a coeducational Catholic boarding and day school for grades 9 through 12. Founded in 1926 by the English Benedictine Congregation, the School is located on a 525-acre campus along Rhode Island's Narragansett Bay, less than 30 minutes south of Providence and 20 minutes from Newport. The School is known for its mission to help young men and women grow in knowledge and grace through its purpose-driven education in the Catholic intellectual tradition and a values-based community that embraces faith while nurturing reverence for God and the human person, love of learning, and commitment to community life. The Abbey's 350 students are encouraged to engage passionately in academic and intellectual pursuits, innovative electives, service to others, and athletic and artistic endeavors. The School's approach to college preparation is designed to inspire the next generation's leaders, stewards, innovators, and problem solvers while instilling a desire to serve the common good.

Job Summary:

Portsmouth Abbey seeks an experienced and successful individual to lead the football program at the Abbey. The program's season runs mid-August through mid-November and includes both varsity and junior varsity teams. Off-season activities, training sessions, and recruitment efforts may also demand additional time. Qualified applicants may be considered for a full-time teaching, staff or administrative position depending on the needs of the school and the candidate's educational and employment background.

Responsibilities:

- Be the visionary leader of the football program, cultivating a culture of excellence, competition, sportsmanship, and inclusivity.
- Serve as the primary advocate for the football program, embodying the School's values and mission.
- Advocate and reinforce the educational foundations of a successful athletic program.
- Plan, organize, and deliver high-quality practices for the varsity team
- Develop and implement program strategies and tactics, including offensive, defensive, and special teams game plans.
- Evaluate players' strengths and weaknesses and provide feedback to help them improve their skills and performance
- Create a positive and supportive team environment that promotes teamwork, respect, and sportsmanship

- In collaboration with members of the admissions department, recruit talented and mission-aligned football players
- Build connections with youth programs and sending schools.
- Work with assistant and sub-varsity coaches to develop program identity
- Attend all team practices, games, league meetings, and events as required
- Build strong relationships with players, parents, and other coaches to create a positive culture and foster a love for the game.
- Ensure that all safety guidelines and protocols are followed during training sessions and games. Connect with athletic training staff for any injured athletes.
- All other duties as assigned by the director of athletics or head of school
- Write end of season student reports on all varsity players

Qualifications:

4 years previous coaching experience at the prep or collegiate level. Playing experience at the collegiate level preferred.

A bachelor's degree.

A deep understanding of NEPSAC football, including its rules and policies.

Ability to remain professional and courteous at all times, and in particular, while interacting with students, colleagues, and parents and caregivers about athletic performance, skills, playing time, including any game errors or losses.

Clear communication skills both verbally and in writing.

High energy, initiative, and strong work ethic.

Strong organizational skills and patience.

Ability to multi-task & prioritize work.

Alignment with the School's mission of helping young men and women grow in knowledge and grace.

Ability to work flexible hours and travel, including evenings and weekends, to accommodate team practices and games.

A love of working with students.

Work Environment:

The work environment characteristics described here represent those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform essential functions. The noise level in the work environment includes variations related to equipment utilization.

Other Qualifications:

All prospective employees must be able to clear a background check prior to beginning employment.

Contact:

Interested applicants should email resumes and cover letters to hr@portsmouthabbey.org.