

# Impact Coaching Academy

2024-2025 Season

**Position:** Player-Coach

**Program:** Impact Coaching Academy

**Organization:** Burlington FC

**Location:** Shelburne Field House, Calahan Park, UVM Athletic Fields

**Employment Type:** Part-time/Seasonal

## **Overview:**

Burlington FC is excited to launch the Impact Coaching Academy, a unique initiative designed to develop leadership skills and enhance the coaching experience for our club's players. The I.C.A. allows dedicated players within our club to take on coaching roles for our younger teams. As a Player-Coach, you'll play a crucial role in nurturing the next generation of soccer talent while gaining valuable coaching experience and universal leadership skills.

## **Key Responsibilities:**

- **Coaching and Mentoring:** Work directly with a designated youth team to provide guidance, support, and leadership. Help in planning and executing practice sessions, providing constructive feedback, and fostering a positive, engaging environment for young players.
- **Collaboration:** Work closely with various coaches, including age-group coaches and the Executive Director, to align coaching strategies and reflect on effective leadership practices.
- **Reflective Practice:** Engage in meetings/reflective practices and/or feedback sessions with coaching staff and the Executive Director to discuss and reflect on coaching experiences, leadership strategies, and personal development.
- **Communication Skills:** Develop and enhance communication techniques to effectively engage with players, parents, and fellow coaches. Emphasize clear, positive, and motivating communication.
- **Program Contribution:** Participate in program development and improvement by providing feedback and suggestions based on your coaching experience and observations.

## **Qualifications:**

- **Eligibility:** Open to current players within Burlington FC community who have demonstrated commitment, skill, and leadership potential.
- **Experience:** Prior coaching experience is a plus but not required.
- **Skills:** Strong interpersonal and communication skills. Ability to work collaboratively with young players and coaching staff. Demonstrated enthusiasm for soccer & player development.
- **Knowledge:** Basic understanding of soccer techniques and strategies. Willingness to learn and adapt coaching/communication methods to meet the needs of younger players.

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- **Commitment:** Ability to commit to scheduled practice sessions, games, and team meetings. Flexibility to work in various time slots as needed.

## **Benefits:**

- **Skill Development:** Gain hands-on coaching experience and develop leadership, communication, and coaching skills.
- **Mentorship:** Receive guidance and feedback from experienced coaches and the Executive Director.
- **Impact:** Make a positive impact on the development and enjoyment of younger players within the club.
- **Networking:** Build connections within the soccer community and enhance your resume with valuable experience.
- **Compensation:** Each player-coach will receive \$20/session. Community Service hours are also available for those who need them.

## **Application Process:**

Interested candidates should submit [THIS SURVEY \(CLICK HERE\)](#).

Once completed, our Executive Director, Kyle Marlow, will follow up with you shortly upon receipt to discuss potential next steps.

Burlington FC is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive environment. We encourage individuals of all backgrounds to apply.

