



| NSW Department of Education

Sports Coaches, Instructors and Officials

Sports coaches, instructors and officials coach, train and instruct participants in sports, and officiate at sporting events.

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Job title examples

- Sports Coach
- Basketball Coach
- Diving Instructor (Open Water)
- Gymnastics Coach / Instructor
- Horse Riding Coach / Instructor
- Snowsport Instructor
- Swimming Coach or Instructor
- Tennis Coach
- Dog or Horse Racing Official / Race Steward
- Sports Development Officer
- Sports Umpire / Referee

What sports coaches, instructors and officials do

- coach, train and instruct sportspersons by analysing performances and developing abilities
- plan and direct game strategies, develop play patterns and analyse game progress
- motivate sportspersons and supervise practice sessions
- recruit players and other coaching staff
- arrange entries into sporting competitions
- promote sports and skills development, and oversee the participation of young people in sport
- officiate at sporting events to enforce rules
- coordinate and direct sporting activities, and liaise with other officials to interpret and enforce rules and regulations relating to sport

Main employing industries

- Education and training
- Arts and recreation services



To find out more regarding these related jobs, visit education.nsw.gov.au/job-guides.

Qualifications

The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

Certificate III in Racing Services (Cadet Steward) available as a traineeship or qualification.

Certificate III in Fitness available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate III in Sport Coaching available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate III in Sport and Recreation available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate IV in Sport and Recreation available as a traineeship or qualification

Apprenticeships and traineeships: Find out how to get an [apprenticeship or traineeship](#).

Course fees: You may be eligible for government subsidised training under Smart and Skilled. Go to the [Course Finder](#) to find training in your area, estimate your fee and find a training provider.

Job prospects and pay

- There are around 13,064 sports coaches, instructors and officials working in NSW.
- Over the next four years, employment in this occupation is expected to decline in NSW.

Average weekly full-time earnings (before tax):

- Sports coaches, instructors and officials: \$1,613
- All occupations: \$1,200

Related jobs

- Fitness instructor
- Outdoor adventure guide
- Sportsperson

Information sources

Occupations: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations, 1220.0

Employment: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly, 6291.0.55.003

Skills shortages: Department of Employment, Skill Shortage List NSW 2015-16

Job prospects: Centre of Policy Studies (CoPS), Victoria University, Employment Forecast Data for NSW 2015/16 to 2022/23

Earnings: Department of Employment, joboutlook.gov.au, based on ABS Characteristics of Employment Survey, August 2014