



YMCA CAMP CONISTON  
**PROGRAM AREA DIRECTOR-LANDSPORTS**  
JOB DESCRIPTION

Overview:

- Landsports is a part time program area, meeting three days a week.
- This role requires creativity in selecting fun and different games and to teach these games to staff and campers.
- The Landsports Director reports to the Summer Directors.

Objectives:

- To develop and direct a fun and safe program that exposes campers to new, different, and fun land games in a supportive, and encouraging environment.
- To implement a soccer program that will allow campers to participate in a healthy balance of both competitive and non-competitive atmospheres.

Responsibilities:

- To maintain safety at all times and to ensure that all other staff members are doing the same.
- To research or otherwise come up with new and interesting games that campers would not normally be exposed to and to teach these games to staff so that there are always two different options of games for campers to choose from each period.
- To supervise the staff and to see that each staff member actively participates in leading and teaching campers in an age-appropriate manner.
- To ensure that staff members do not take the same days off, but when absolutely necessary, that these days off don't create safety or supervision concerns in the program area.
- To be responsible for the proper care and storage of sports equipment, including when it is taken outside of the program area for other purposes such as evening programs.
- To maintain a safe and clean program area by picking up trash found on and around the A-field and games court, and by putting equipment away before lunch and at the end of the day.
- To make sure that campers remain active throughout the period, not sitting around or waiting for games to be set up.
- To encourage good sportsmanship and fair play both on and off the field.
- To allow everyone to participate in every game and drill and not to discriminate or favor campers based on skill level or any other factors.
- To help staff members become better instructors with both positive and negative feedback in both oral and written evaluations.
- To make recommendations to the Summer Directors for any changes, additions or modifications of the program, as needed.

Program Area Equipment Maintenance and Safety Checks:

- Make sure equipment is checked on a regular basis for safety, maintained in good repair, and stored in a manner to safeguard effectiveness.
- Make sure equipment is appropriate to the size and ability of the user.
- Make sure equipment has a safety check prior to each use.
- Make sure equipment is removed from service if not in good repair.
- Inspect all equipment for safety and quality before the start of each session. **Record completion of these inspections on the inventory sheet in your program area binder.**

Administrative:

- Provide pre-camp equipment inventory and needs, as well as inform the Summer Directors about any equipment needs during the summer.
- Review past lesson plans and create new ones for the program area binder with resource information updated annually.
- Assure that camper attendance is taken ***quickly*** at the start of each period and report missing campers to the Program Director with the first 10 minutes of the period start.
- Provide CIT, LIT and STAFF with ongoing verbal assessment and end of summer written evaluations.

Things to know:

- Watch out for signs of heat exhaustion and dehydration, knowing that prevention is the easiest cure with plenty of rest, water, and sunscreen throughout the period, especially on very hot days.