



# South Adelaide Football Club

## *Under-18 Girls Head Coach Role*

**Location:** Noarlunga Downs, South Australia

**Position Type:** Contract

**Start Date:** [Late 2025/Pre-season timing]

**Reports to:** Female Football Manager & Senior Women's Head Coach

**Application Deadline:** 25/07/2025

### ***About South Adelaide Football Club***

Established in 1876, South Adelaide Football Club—known as the Panthers—is one of the oldest and most storied football clubs in South Australia. A founding member of the South Australian Football Association (now SANFL), the club has a proud history of success, including 11 men's premierships and three SANFLW premierships in 2018, 2019, and 2024.

Since relocating to Noarlunga in 1995, the Panthers have become a cornerstone of the southern Adelaide community, with a development zone encompassing the southern suburbs, Fleurieu Peninsula, and Kangaroo Island. The club is committed to fostering talent and promoting the growth of Australian Rules Football across all levels.

### ***Overview***

With the launch of the SANFL Under-18 Girls competition in 2026, South Adelaide Football Club is seeking a passionate and experienced coach to lead our inaugural U18 Girls team. This new competition is a key component of SANFL's female talent pathway and provides an elite-level development platform for emerging female footballers across South Australia.



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### ***Key Responsibilities***

- Design and implement age-appropriate training programs that emphasise individual skill development, game awareness, and team cohesion.
- Build a high-performance culture while supporting players' growth, well-being, and transition through the talent pathway.
- Collaborate closely with the Senior SANFLW coaching team and Female Football Manager.
- Provide leadership, mentorship, and development opportunities for assistant coaches and support staff.
- Strengthen the link between the club's junior, community, and senior female football programs.
- Ensure full compliance with SANFL rules and guidelines, including age eligibility, overage permits, match conditions, and anti-density rules.

### ***Key Requirements***

- Level 2 AFL Coaching Accreditation (minimum) or currently working towards completion.
- Proven experience coaching youth or female athletes at a competitive level.
- Strong football knowledge, including tactical understanding and progressive coaching concepts.
- A thorough understanding of athlete development principles, particularly for players aged 15–18.
- Outstanding communication, leadership, and interpersonal skills.
- Flexibility to work evenings and weekends as required.
- Valid DCSI Working with Children Check (or current DHS equivalent) and all relevant clearances.

### ***Desirable Attributes***

- Experience within SANFLW/SANFL or AFLW talent pathways.
- Understanding of SANFLW competition standards and expectations.
- Demonstrated experience in talent identification and player development.
- Minimum 1–3 years' experience as a head coach at junior level (preferably U17/U18).



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#### ***Benefits***

- Be part of a historic season launching a new era in South Australian female football.
- Join a high-performing and successful SANFLW program.
- Opportunity to shape future AFLW and SANFLW athletes.
- Work in a collaborative and values-driven environment focused on growth and excellence.

If you believe you are the right fit for this exciting opportunity, please submit a cover letter outlining your suitability for the role, along with your resume, to [reception@safc.com.au](mailto:reception@safc.com.au) with the subject line "**SAFC U18 Girls Role**" by 5:00pm on Friday, July 25.

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.



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