

Role Description – Game Director

A game director bears a significant responsibility because Game Time is a primary reason many kids come and return to club. Children have a great spirit for fun and the game director is the hero of fun in an Awana® ministry. If Game Time is fun, kids will come week after week and be exposed to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Role and Responsibilities

A game director's role is to execute Game Time. Within that role a game director has several responsibilities.

Planning

After prayer, planning is a game director's number-one priority. Whether a club has five or 500 children, games cannot be spontaneous and unstructured without resulting in chaos.

Planning includes the following:

- Choose age-appropriate games.
- Choose a variety of games.
- Know and be able to provide clear instructions.
- Prepare equipment.
- Support club themes and activities when possible.

Implementing Games

An exciting Game Time is a hallmark of Awana. Simple, fast-moving games make Game Time fun for everyone. A good rule of thumb is to not play a game that takes longer to explain than it does to play.

Game director responsibilities are listed below:

- Ensure necessary equipment is available.
- Communicate and demonstrate game rules.
- Stagger games so everyone has a chance to excel.
- Maintain proper discipline.
- Model good sportsmanship.
- Lead games.
- Maintain equipment.
- Request equipment purchases.

Coaching

Involving kids in local and regional Awana events is a great way to expose kids to other Awana clubs. It also can be a tremendous team building activity within a club and helps identify future leaders.

Responsibilities are the following:

- Coordinate with commander and directors.
- Prepare teams for competition.
- Attend regional coaches' meetings.
- Help commander and directors choose coaches.

Qualifications

Game directors must meet the following qualifications:

- Trust in Jesus Christ as his or her personal Savior.
- Be growing in his or her relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Express enthusiasm in his or her role.
- Demonstrate good communication skills with leaders and kids.

Time Commitment

Three to four hours per week, plus additional weekends for regional activities.