Hijabi Ballers Seeks Members for its Board of Directors

Hijabi Ballers is excited to announce that we are officially forming our inaugural Board of Directors! We are seeking dynamic individuals from our community to join the Board and play a crucial role in the governance of our organization and shaping the future of sports for Muslim females in Toronto and Canada.

Hijabi Ballers is a Toronto-based non-profit organization with a mission to empower the Muslim female athlete community through meaningful programs and one-of-a-kind opportunities. Our programs include basketball tournaments, drop-in sessions, snowboarding and skateboarding programs, coaching and training certifications, school workshops and more. Hijabi Ballers also provides funding opportunities to Muslim female athletes, leaders and sport organizations through the Black Muslim Athlete Fund, Hijabi Ballers Player Fund and Hijabi Ballers Leader Fund. Additionally, the first-of-its-kind Hijabi Ballers Community App, specifically designed for Muslim female athletes, coaches, allies and sport organizations, is revolutionizing the way Muslim women experience sport by providing a platform to connect, support one another and easily access resources and opportunities for free.

Our Goals:

- 1. Increase representation of Muslim females in sport spaces and sport media;
- 2. Provide opportunities for Muslim females to participate in sport, try new sports and hone their skills:
- 3. Recognize the accomplishments of and celebrate Muslim female athletes; and
- 4. Integrate allies (i.e. coaches, parents, community mentors) in the growth and development of Muslim female athletes and their communities

What We're Looking For:

Board Position Descriptions [link]- This document has a detailed list of each board position that we're looking to fill.

As a member on the Board, you will contribute to the strategic direction of our organization, provide organizational oversight, and ensure the organization's alignment to its mission and goals. Your insights, expertise and dedication will make a significant impact on the growth and development of Muslim female athletes and their communities. The successful candidates also have the opportunity to bring their own unique skills and interests to grow into the position and make the role their own.

We are seeking individuals with a variety of skills, backgrounds, and experiences to form a truly diverse Board. We encourage applicants who possess the following qualities and have expertise and knowledge in any of the following areas to apply:

- Passion for sports and a strong commitment to building community through sport
- Dedication to promoting inclusivity, diversity, and equitable access for women and girls in sport
- Knowledge of intersectional feminism
- Knowledge of Islamic values and principles

- Experience playing or facilitating sport programs
- Experience with community engagement and outreach
- Experience with financial management and oversight
- Knowledge of governance and organizational development, and experience with succession planning
- Well-connected with the community including athletes, organizations, coaches, leaders, corporations and potential funders
- Ability to commit time and actively participate in board meetings, committee work, and organizational events

Applicants may be from anywhere in Canada, although priority will be given to those in the Greater Toronto Area. We especially invite applications from Muslim female athletes, parents of athletes, coaches, sports leaders and mentors, and those with lived experiences in the Muslim female sport sector.

How to Apply:

Review the Board Position <u>Descriptions</u> to see the available positions.

To submit your application, please email hijabiballers@gmail.com with your CV/Resume and cover letter that includes your responses to the questions below. Please write "Board Application – [Name of Position]" in the subject line of your email. The deadline to submit applications is 11:59 PM EST on Thursday August 31th, 2023.

- 1. How do you connect to Hijabi Ballers' mission and goals?
- 2. What is your connection to or background in sport and athletics?
- 3. Describe how your specific skills and experience relate to the requirements of the position and would make you successful as a Board member.

If you self-identify as a Muslim woman, please indicate this in your application.

Only applicants selected for interviews will be contacted. Board terms will formally commence on January 1, 2024.

Not sure if this is the right role for you? We are also seeking individuals for part-time staff positions as well as volunteers and freelancers.

