**Position:** Mascot Handler  
**Reports to:** Volunteer Manager and Game Day Director  
**Location:** Abbotsford Centre / 33800 King Rd., Abbotsford, BC  
**Position type:** Volunteer  
**Start date:** May 2020

**About the Canadian Elite Basketball League (CEBL):**
The Canadian Elite Basketball League (CEBL) was born from a need to provide Canadians with a premium basketball option that gives players, coaches, fans and other stakeholders the opportunity to meaningfully engage with one of Canada’s most popular sports. Never has there been so many Canadian basketball players competing at the highest professional levels worldwide (NBA, G League, FIBA leagues, etc.). It’s time to bring them home and provide them with a domestic professional basketball opportunity. An opportunity to compete in front of friends, family and businesses that can support Canada’s ascent on the international stage.

**Position Summary:**
A handler plays an important role with the Bandits mascot! Mascot Handlers also play a brand ambassador role. It will be your responsibility to ensure that the mascot performer is kept safe. It will be your task to direct the mascot throughout the venue and accompany him/her back to the break area. While the performer is in costume, you are to remain within touching distance. You will also speak for the mascot when children ask him/her a question, etc.

**Responsibilities:** (Including but not limited to)
- Accompany mascot while performing all duties
- Assist fans with taking pictures, autographs, and answer questions regarding the official team mascot
- Escort the mascot while in costume, including answering general guest inquiries, crowd control and ensuring the general health and safety of the mascot
- Act as the "eyes and ears" for the mascot performer, including awareness of game progression, in-game scheduling, location visits, fan requests, potential hazards, and transitioning to and from levels/surfaces
- Carry mascot supplies (autograph cards, t-shirts, signs, etc)
- Assist mascot with a variety of duties that may arise during the season
- Actively seeking opportunities for mascot & overall Fraser Valley Bandits community exposure
- Work with Mascot and In-Game Host in the creation of in-game mascot appearance schedule
- Be able to recognize signs of distress or illness associated with temperature extremes or other hazardous situations

**Qualifications:**
- Employment/Volunteer experience in the sport industry
- Knowledge of the Fraser Valley community
- 14 years of age or older

**Preferred Qualifications:**
- Previous promotional experience is preferred
- Basic knowledge of the sport of basketball
Required Skills:
● Must have strong communication and interpersonal skills
● Must be able to relate with fans of all ages and backgrounds, especially kids
● Should be able to handle crowd interaction and management
● Must be punctual and possess good time management
● Must have the ability to work outside for extended periods of time

Availability:
● Must be able to attend all of our home games as well as pre-game meetings (includes early afternoon weekdays, nights, weekends, and holidays)
● Ability to work scheduled event dates, including out-of-season dates if necessary
● Must be available for the entire duration of the season (including playoffs)

Other Requirements:
● Applicants can fill out the Volunteer Application form and forward their application including their resume and cover letter to info@thebandits.ca with the subject line, “Application: Mascot Handler”

Application Deadline:
● All applicants must apply by 6 p.m. on Friday, March 27