



JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Advanced Level Football Development Coach (Casual)
DEPARTMENT: Football Development
REPORTS TO: Football Development Officers
LOCATION: Wolverhampton, Telford, Shrewsbury, Codsall, Newport, Cannock or Stafford
HOURS: Casual
DATE: February 2024

We are Wolves; progressive, determined, bright, unified and humble. A pack that is hungry for success. Wolves is one of the fastest growing professional football clubs in the UK, and also boasts one of the richest histories in the beautiful game.

Formed in 1877, Wolves was a founder member of the Football League, and was one of the country's most successful sides in the fifties and sixties. During a two decade spell the Black Country's most decorated side won three First Division titles and one of its four FA Cups.

Fast forward 70 years and Wolves are back amongst football's elite. In the past six years we have celebrated promotion to the Premier League, back-to-back 7th placed finishes and a Europa League quarter-final campaign. Now, we will be competing in the Premier League for a sixth successive season.

But at Wolves it is all about what we will do, not what we have done. We don't simply look to the future, we seize it.

We take seriously our commitment to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults and to ensuring that Wolves is free from discrimination and harassment.

Job purpose

An opportunity for talented football coaches to deliver on the Advanced Player Development Pathway at various locations for talented players identified within the Football Development programme.

You will be a key component in the development and promotion of talented players into the Club's Academy player pathway. Supporting with the development of Advanced Player Development Squads/Teams that will incorporate fixtures.

As an Advanced Football Development Coach, you will coach and lead on Football Development activities and work with staff to deliver high quality sessions. You will provide support on the international programme to grow the Club's global brand and reach.

You will update player tracking and liaise with Football Development Officers and Academy staff on evaluation of players.

Key responsibilities

- Plan and deliver high quality sessions to talented players on the Advanced Player Development Pathway



- Support the clubs 'Pyramid' on player movement and prepare players for elite football environments
- Support with the creation and delivery of Advanced Player Development Squads/Teams that will include fixtures
- Liaise with parents providing high quality customer care
- Handle participants personal data in accordance with Club and GDPR policies
- Be responsible for the reporting of first aid and safeguarding incidents
- Provide feedback and player evaluations to Football Development Officers, players, and parents
- Be available on a weekly basis to deliver during evenings and Saturday mornings
- Have flexibility to support our Soccer School programme during school holidays
- Assist the International programme on the delivery of sessions (UK & Overseas)
- Support International Growth with delivery on Touring groups who come to the UK

General responsibilities

- Compliance with Club policies
- Compliance with the Club's health and safety procedures
- Compliance with the Club's safeguarding policies
- To promote the Club's values
- To work consistently to embed equality & diversity into the Club
- To undertake such other duties as may be reasonably expected
- To maintain professional conduct at all times

Safeguarding

- This role carries a specific safeguarding responsibility. This means that the post-holder is required to apply all relevant policies and uphold the Club's commitment to safeguarding vulnerable people.

Key relationships

- Football Development Manager
- Football Development Officers
- Participants and parents
- Head of Coaching
- Academy coaching and management structure

Scope of job

- Deliver on the ever-expanding Football Development activities in Wolverhampton and surround areas (Currently 10 different venues, over 800 children coached per week).



Person Specification

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Knowledge: the level and breadth of knowledge to do the job e.g. understanding of a defined system, method or procedure, legal or regulatory frameworks etc

Essential

- Strong understanding of football development activities
- Understand how to promote the brand through football development activities
- Knowledge of coaching pathway structure
- Knowledge of player pathway (boys & girls)
- To understand, demonstrate knowledge and have experience of current safeguarding practices

Desirable

- Knowledge of developing a coaching curriculum
- Knowledge and experience of working within player development at a professional football club

Technical/work-based skills: skills specific to the job e.g. language competence, typing skills, coaching skills etc

Essential

- Coaching players through a coaching structure
- Knowledge of current coaching trends
- Ability to assess and track player's progress
- Understanding and promoting the of the Club's vision, mission and values to our players
- To be able to act as a positive mentor to children and young people in sport
- Be a positive mentor to other casual staff or new casual staff
- Accurately record and complete relevant paperwork
- Planning and organisational skills

Desirable

- Evidence of working with targeted groups
- Evidence of working in recreational, development and elite levels

General skills and attributes: more general characteristics e.g. flexibility, communication skills, team working etc

Essential

- Ability to communicate at all levels and with external and internal staff, parents, players
- Ability to build good relationships with external partners,
- Ability to remain calm under pressure
- Availability for flexible working hours during evenings
- Ability to travel around the club's domestic geographical area
- Availability to travel Internationally to deliver on activities
- Understanding of how to work safely with children and/or adults at risk and uphold generally accepted practice when working with those participants.
- Promote, adhere to and implement the Club's Equality Policy and to work consistently to embed equality and diversity within Club.

Desirable

- Analytical skills, able to analyse data and make recommendations on improving the service or process



Experience: proven record of experience in a particular field, profession or specialism.

Essential

- Experience in delivering on Football Development activities (outfield or goalkeeping)
- Experience of delivering sessions on Advanced Player pathways
- Ability to identify players to progress through the players pathway

Desirable

- Working with children and/or adults at risk
- Experience with working with key stakeholders at a professional club

Qualifications: the level of educational, professional and/or occupational training required

Essential

- Post-holder must hold or obtain at the earliest opportunity the relevant safeguarding training (i.e. FA Safeguarding Children Workshop)
- Post-holder will be subject to a DBS check at the appropriate level and cleared by the Wolves Safeguarding Manager
- The FA UEFA B Licence (Level 3) or working towards
- The FA Safeguarding Children Course
- The FA Introduction to First Aid in Football
- The FA National Talent & Scouting in Football (Level 2) or working towards
- Post-holder must hold a current driving licence

Desirable

- The FA National Goalkeeping Course or working towards
- UEFA Goalkeeping B Licence or working towards
- Advanced Principles of Talent Identification & Development in Football