



SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL CLUB

Lead Academy Sport Scientist

Job Purpose (main duties include but not limited to the following)

Reporting to the Head of Academy Sport Science and Medicine the successful candidate will be responsible for the physical development of players, working alongside a multi-disciplinary team of practitioners to maximise the development of players within the Professional Development Phase, adhering to EPP guidelines and requirements.

Role Specific Duties

- To manage the interdisciplinary departments of the Sports Science and Medicine Programme
- To report at all SMT (Senior Management Team) meetings where required
- To initiate and develop individualised programmes for U18 academy players
- To manage the support systems for the collection and analysis of testing and training data.
- To liaise with other staff from the Academy and other appropriate outside agencies on matters concerning the development of Academy players i.e. members of multi-disciplinary team and interns
- To represent the club on nominated games, meetings and associated functions
- Monitor the progress of all players through the Performance Pathway
- Liaise with all Academy staff in matter relating to the apprentice and schoolboy programme to help transition the players through the Performance Pathway
- Ensure that Sports Science Department runs effectively, efficiently and within the Academy regulations and guidelines of the Football League/Premier League/ FA and SWFC Ltd
- To liaise closely with education and welfare staff in the pastoral development of all players in the Performance Pathway
- Assist the Academy Manager with other duties relating to the development of the Academy Programme.
- Ensure all KPI's are delivered and adhered to as directed by Head of Academy Sport Science & Medicine
- To promote a safe and healthy working environment for all players and staff
- Provide the Academy Manager with appropriate written progress reports for all players in the Performance Pathway
- Additional duties as reasonably requested by the Academy Manager
- Manage and ensure efficient logs and records are kept up to date on the PMA system on a daily, phase and seasonal basis
- Attend meetings with players and parents when appropriate
- To adhere to the Club's Safeguarding Policy and at all times working towards Making Children Safe as a priority
- You will be expected to seek ways of updating and improving personal skills, knowledge and understanding relevant to your own job role. SWFC will undertake regular appraisal interviews with all staff in order to address individuals personal development needs and to produce a training and development plan for the club

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Qualifications

Essential

- BSc in Sport and Exercise Science (or equivalent subject)
- Hold a current Basic First Aid for Sport qualification, current EFAiF or an equivalent or higher qualification approved by the League

Desirable

- Hold or working towards the British Association of Sport and Exercise Medicine accreditation
- Hold or working towards a relevant post-graduate qualification
- UKSCA (or similar) accredited or demonstrable evidence of completion within 12 months

Skills & Experiences

Essential

- Evidence of working in elite youth football or athletic development
- Experience of working within a multidisciplinary team of medical staff
- Dedicated to self-improvement and continued professional development
- Excellent interpersonal skills and communication skills
- Able to work flexibly during the week to cope with the demands of the role and willing to work evenings when required
- Experience of providing strength and conditioning support to Elite Youth Players

Desirable

- Experience of working to EPPP standards and usage of PMA
- Experience with GPS data analysis and interpretation (Catapult Openfield)
- Experience of conducting physiological testing and data interpretation
- Experience of providing strength and conditioning support to Elite Youth Athletes

The role is subject to an Enhanced DBS check.

Sheffield Wednesday Football Club is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. This post may be subject to a criminal record check or an enhanced DBS check.

If this role appeals to you and you would like to become part of the Sheffield Wednesday family, please send your CV and Covering Letter to hadmin@swfc.co.uk.

Closing date: 14.07.2021