



ROLE DESCRIPTION FOR A CLUB COACH

The role of a coach is to help the club's teams and players to develop their hockey skills and knowledge, by leading (or helping to lead) training sessions, and other related activities.

ROLE

- To plan and lead training sessions or exercises, or help support the leader.
- To encourage each person attending training to develop their skills and fitness to the best of their ability and enthusiasm.
- To encourage an understanding of how the team should work together and support each other e.g. by exercises involving "set pieces".
- To encourage a basic knowledge of the rules of the game and appropriate conduct on the pitch.
- To develop each team by adjusting coaching to improve areas of weakness identified (e.g. by watching the team play together in Saturday matches or by discussions with team members themselves).
- To support other coaches, particularly those with less experience.
- For the lead coach at any training session, to be formally responsible for any young people (under 18) attending the training session who are not under the supervision of their parent/guardian.

EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

- Understanding of the basic skills of hockey and how these can be safely taught.
- Understanding of how the game of hockey works and tactical play.
- Understanding of the rules of hockey.
- Understanding of the club's policy and procedures related to safeguarding and protecting young people, as applicable to the role.
- Ability to demonstrate skills and describe tactics clearly so that players understand.

Someone assisting in leading exercises would not be expected to have the same level of knowledge and experience as someone leading a full training session.

TRAINING

- Abingdon Hockey Club will support and encourage anyone involved in club coaching (or who would like to get involved) to obtain a coaching qualification, usually a Level 1 coaching certificate for those who are currently unqualified. A suitable coaching qualification (at least Level 1) will be required of anyone coaching a junior side. Coaching courses leading to a Level 1 coaching award are organised regularly and the club can provide details to those interested.



CRB CHECK

- Please be advised that this position is considered to involve substantial contact with children. Under the provisions of Exceptions Orders to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, successful applicants will be asked to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure through the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB). An Enhanced Disclosure will contain information about criminal offences including convictions, cautions, reprimands and warnings. It will detail ALL previous convictions etc. including those usually regarded as “spent” under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.
- This club has a policy on the recruitment of ex-offenders, and a copy can be found on the club's web site or on request from any club official. Having a criminal record will not necessarily bar you from working or volunteering for Abingdon Hockey Club. This will depend on the nature of the position and the circumstances and background of your offences.