

Introduction

The aim of Brookes Sport is to create an environment where teams and individuals are supported to succeed, and maintain our national BUCS ranking (30-39th place).

All Brookes Sport sports clubs are recognised under the TEAMBrookes banner. TEAMBrookes encapsulates 35+ affiliated sports clubs, with in excess of 2,200 student-athlete members.

TEAMBrookes sports clubs are supported, administered and regulated by Brookes Sport staff and external practitioners, comprised of:

- Student Sport Manager
- Student Sport Coordinator
- Student Sport Assistant - Graduate
- Head of Strength & Conditioning
- Strength & Conditioning Coach(es)
- Sports Psychologist
- Personal Development Advisor

Whilst TEAMBrookes sports clubs are principally student-led (student committee), Brookes Sport employs sports coaches to train and recruit players, and enact sport-specific strategy.

The Women's Hockey Head Coach is line-managed by the Student Sport Manager.

Main Duties & Responsibilities

Job purpose:

To lead the coaching programme for the OBU Hockey Club's Women's 1st team and support the development of the OBU Hockey Club, to allow them to compete to the best of their abilities in the BUCS weekly fixture programme and beyond, contributing to our strategic aims of creating an environment where teams & individuals are supported to succeed, and maintaining our national BUCS ranking (30-39th place).

Principal duties and responsibilities:

1) Performance Programme

- To develop, manage and lead on the delivery of an effective performance coaching programme for the OBU Hockey Club's Women's 1st team, allowing student-athletes to perform to the best of their abilities. This is to include both group and individual technical and tactical coaching, 1 to 1/small group feedback sessions, and the creation of programmes for pre-season, in-season and off-season.
- To work with the Student Sport Manager in ensuring that the Women's 1st team squad is receiving appropriate and relevant access to Brookes Sports' range of support services (where available), including sport science, strength and conditioning, nutritional support and physiotherapy, liaising with all partners on a regular basis.

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- To work with the Student Sport Manager in managing the programmes of the highest performance athletes in collaboration with their external clubs/performance programmes to ensure they are receiving the highest quality of experience and allowing them to perform to the best of their ability for OBU.
- Lead on the development and implementation of a sport-specific fair and efficient talent identification system.
- To mentor Assistant Coaches within the club and work with the Student Sport Manager in the recruitment of coaches and support of interns where appropriate.
- Work in partnership with other Brookes Sport staff members and the club committee to ensure optimal development of the sport at the university.
- To act as partnership conduit between the Brookes Sport staff and external practitioners, OBU Hockey Club, and external partners.

2) Other Duties

- Work with other Brookes Sport sports coaches to share best practice and information and make recommendations for wider service improvements.
- To contribute towards education, training and research initiatives.
- To update Brookes Sport staff and external practitioners via team briefings and updates on business undertaken and developments proposed.
- To support a collaborative team-working environment.

Selection Criteria - Essential Experience

- Experience of coaching talented female hockey players.
- Proven hockey coaching ability.
- Knowledge of current coaching and training processes
- Excellent communication, player management and motivation skills.
- Excellent organisational and time management skills
- IT skills necessary for analysis, report writing and general communication.

Selection Criteria - Desirable

- Hockey Level 2 qualification
- Knowledge of and understanding of the Women's Hockey Landscape; talent pathway and University Women's hockey.
- Experience of coaching at BUCS / RTC level
- Full, clean driver's licence