

Job description of Assistant Coach

The Assistant Coach is responsible for working with the Team coach and Team Manager to ensure high level coaching and management of their junior squad. They are jointly responsible for the behaviour, conduct and well being of the team, as well as the well being of volunteers and GB staff during the preparation, training and competition.

The Assistant coach will work in partnership with: GB Junior Programme Manager, the other GBJ team coaches, and the GBJ team managers to:

- ensure that all events are managed safely and within budget.
- deliver a coaching programme that is specific to the age, ability and safety of their players.

Key Responsibilities

- Ensure the safety and well being of all juniors whilst at *UKU* junior events.
- Understand how location, costs, family and education can be barriers to equal opportunities in selection.

Work with the Team Coach to:

- Implement the team strategy and plan sessions where appropriate.
- Maintain open and safe communication with players and parents (where appropriate).
- Assist schools, universities and clubs in recruiting players for their division.
- Provide appropriate fitness and nutritional information for the specific age group.
- Develop individual improvement plans for squad members where appropriate.

Requirements

Assistant Coaches must have a current DBS check and supplied reference number to squad manager. They must also have read the latest update of the *UKU* Safeguarding Policy.

Funding

GBJ Assistant Coach is a volunteer role.

The role of Assistant Coach is a fantastic opportunity for coaches to increase their experience by being part of the GB junior programme. We plan the budget on the basis that this role is self-funded by the individual. However, if an assistant coach is needed in order to maintain appropriate adult-player ratios, then all reasonable expenses incurred in attending training sessions and competitions will be funded subject to the *UKU* Expenses Policy. Applicants should note that these costs are generally met by the players. Managers and coaches are expected to keep costs to a minimum, and individuals that are willing and able to fund themselves are encouraged to do so.

Travel to the international events is – in general – only funded as part of the squad travel. This is usually a long coach journey.

UK Ultimate will be providing some funding to support training and development for the GBJ coaching and management team. This will include access to subsidised places on the *UKU* Level 1 Coaching course; and some places on other relevant courses such as 1st Aid and Safeguarding. Specific details will be worked out based on the requests from individuals and the needs of the overall team.