



Lead Professional Development Phase Coach (Academy/Youth Development)

Full time

Reporting to the Academy Manager and Head of Coaching the successful candidate will join Sunderland AFC's team of youth development coaches working within the Academy of Light. The coach will oversee the training and development of the U18 players within the Professional Development Phase (PDP) following the Academy Playing and Coaching Philosophies in line with the club's Academy Performance Plan.

The Lead PDP Coach will be required to 40 hours per week, Monday to Sunday, with the ability to work flexibly on evenings and weekends to suit the needs of the role.

Confidentiality and excellent communications are essential with the coach expected to provide quality feedback to the academy players and colleagues as required. Additionally, the successful candidate must hold UEFA A Licence, FA Youth Award and FA Advanced Youth Award.

The position will include the following roles and responsibilities:

- Effectively lead and manage the day to day programme for the U18 age group
- Support the Lead Senior Professional Development Coach
- Plan and deliver training sessions in conjunction with the Head of Coaching and PDP staff
- Support the PDP by attending, and sometimes Chairing, regular multi-disciplinary meetings
- Attend all PDP fixtures, with a focus on U18's, both home and away.
- Use coaching craft to support players on a match day in line with the professional requirements of an EPPP Category One Academy
- Ensure U18 players are prepared for the demands of the senior professional game to include U23s, first team and potential loan experiences
- Maintain weekly trial reporting process with Academy Manager/Head of Coaching/Head of Recruitment
- Deliver group and individual weekly performance plans
- Evaluate the weekly and monthly performance plan
- Liaise with the parents of the Academy players within the PDP when required
- Ensure that all data is maintained on the PMA system in relation to PDP
- Assist the Academy Manager / Head of Coaching in the development of all phase coaches CPD, coach education and personal development plans
- Be responsible for the monitoring of performance, recording, reporting and evaluation of Academy players in the PDP
- Take part in all relevant meetings including but not limited to in-service training, parents' meetings, at the request of the Academy Manager/Head of Coaching.
- Show a continuous commitment to personal development through internal CPD and relevant bodies and courses

The successful candidate will also have attended the Basic First Aid for Sport Award and the FA Safeguarding Children workshop. Previous experience working within football or similar disciplined sport would be an advantage, along with the expectation that you ensure your qualifications and CPD are maintained as required for the role.

This position is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring (DBS) check.

If you feel you have the relevant skills and wish to be considered, please e-mail recruitment@safc.com to request an application form. The closing date for applications is Thursday 14 January 2021.

Previous applicants need not apply and will be contacted following the new closing date.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Sunderland AFC is an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to a policy of treating all employees and job applicants equally. Our aim is that all colleagues should be able to work in an environment free from discrimination, harassment and bullying.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & ADULTS AT RISK

Sunderland AFC is fully committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children, young people, adults at risk and all vulnerable groups within the organisation. Sunderland AFC owes a duty of care to safeguard all children, young people, adults at risk and all vulnerable groups involved in activities as organised by the football club. Sunderland AFC makes provisions for children, young people, adults at risk and all vulnerable groups through adherence to the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures adopted by the Club.