**Lead Hockey Coach -**

**Old Cranleighan Hockey Club**

**Position Type:** Part-time (Hours TBC)

**Salary:** TBC based on experience

Old Cranleighan Hockey Club is a vibrant and community-oriented sports club which has grown significantly in the last ten years. We are currently working towards Talent Centre accreditation and have expansion plans to develop our facilities including a second astro turf, padel centre and redeveloped clubhouse. We hope that our second astro will be ready to play on within the next 12 months.

Our junior section has over 550 members and we are now undergoing a transformational period with regards to our provision. We are committed to delivering high quality sessions for all of our members regardless of their ability and now seek performance hockey coaches to manage our older age groups within the section.

We are seeking passionate and experienced Hockey Coach’s to support the junior section. The successful candidate will play a pivotal role in developing players skills and tactical understanding. The successful candidate will lead an age group and be creative and proactive to deliver the best experience possible for our players.

Responsibilities:

**Midweek Training Sessions:**

Lead weekly midweek training sessions for our performance and development squads.

Develop and implement age-appropriate training programs to enhance players' technical skills, tactical understanding, and physical conditioning.

**Sunday Matches:**

Attend and coach Sunday matches, providing guidance and support to players during competitions.

Analyze match performances using the VEO platform to tailor future training sessions.

**Video Analysis:**

Deliver regular video analysis sessions to help players understand their performance and identify areas for improvement.

Utilize technology to enhance coaching methods and provide constructive feedback.

**Player Feedback:**

Provide consistent and constructive feedback to players at regular intervals throughout the season, focusing on individual development goals.

Create a positive and supportive atmosphere that encourages talent to flourish.

**Junior to Senior Transition:**

Collaborate closely with the Director of Junior Hockey and Director of Hockey to manage the transition of players from the junior section to the senior section.

Facilitate a seamless integration process, ensuring continuity in skill development and team dynamics.

**Team Selection Oversight:**

Oversee the selection process for all four junior teams within an age group

Work alongside parent volunteers and assistant coaches to achieve cohesive team selection aligned with the club's values.

**Professional Development:**

Ideally, the candidate should have a minimum coaching qualification of the England Hockey Coach Award (or equivalent).

Openness to further training and development, with the club willing to provide support if required.

**Optional Playing Role:**

The club would consider an applicant interested in combining coaching with playing for our senior section.

**Qualifications:**

England Hockey Coach Award (Desirable).

Strong understanding of youth development in hockey.

Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Ability to motivate and inspire young athletes.

Willingness to work collaboratively with club leadership, other coaches, parent volunteers, and assistant coaches.

**Additional opportunities:**

For the right candidate there is also an opportunity to deliver 1-1 and small group sessions, coach on club camps and to coach within the senior section.

**Application Process:**

Interested candidates are invited to submit their resume, coaching credentials, and a cover letter detailing their coaching philosophy and relevant experience to Adam Ward at ochcdirjuniors@gmail.com by 14th June.