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* Build a strong relationship with the squad players and potential players
* To promote strong squad values in line with Swim England’s values
* To support Swim England player education initiative e.g. nutrition, strength and conditioning, anti-doping and Sports Psychology etc.
* To contribute to a healthy environment for aspiring elite athletes.
* Create a strong relationship with the squad team manager, head coach, other GB squad coaches and Sports Science and Sports Medicine (SSSM) practitioners.
* Contribute towards a long-term performance plan with the Water Polo Programme Lead to deliver the aim of becoming regularly competitive in Europe and support a joined up approach to all British National Teams.
* Identify, monitor and communicate programme-related progress with the Head Coach, Programme Lead, other coaches or members of Swim England staff.
* To be a role model and ambassador on behalf of Swim England, building positive healthy relationships.

 **Essential**

* Proven ability to develop individuals’ potential and technical knowledge of WP
* UKCC Coach course or the older level 2 certification in coaching Water Polo
* An appreciation of sports science, medicine and performance lifestyle disciplines and how they along with coaching, create a progressive talent environment
* Knowledge of safeguarding and an understanding and commitment to safeguarding (Wave Power), inclusion, and equal opportunities
* An understanding of individual responsibility in complying with Health and Safety
* Have a positive approach to being part of a team and be willing to follow direction from the Head Coach
* Coaching experience within a national and/or international water polo programme
* Possess an excellent level of emotional intelligence and self-awareness
* Demonstrate an empathetic, optimistic coaching style.

 **Desirable**

* Experience implementing practical systems and interventions
* Insight into or experience within, a national talent programme or equivalent

**Skills and experience required**

Role Title: Volunteer Water Polo U18 Assistant Coach – GB & England U18 Male and Female Squads.

**Context:** 1 x Assistant Coach for Male U18 squad, 1 x Assistant Coach for U18 Female squad. Both preparing for European Aquatics Championships, 2027.

Department: Water Polo
Reporting to: SE Water Polo Programme Lead, SE Head of performance.
Direct Reports: N/A
Location: Home Based with UK and International Travel. The location of training, camps and/or competitions will vary. Domestic training is often in the North West, Midlands or the South East.

**Key responsibilities**

**Role Purpose:**

The Assistant Coach role is primarily as a support to the Head Coach as well as a developmental role for those aspiring to be future head coaches. You will support the training and coaching of junior players to improve individual and team performances. Support the delivery of a periodised plan. Ensure that each athlete is empowered and his or her Individual Development Plan (IDP) is delivered

**Values:**

**We include**

**We are ambitious**

**We collaborate**

**We do what’s right**

Role Description