

Abbeydale Park Rackets and Fitness Club, Sheffield. UK

Professional Coach

One of the premier Squash Clubs in the UK seeks the services of a Professional Coach following the retirement of Mark Hornby after over 20 years valued service to the Club. The vacancy offers significant potential for personal development whilst the Club's infrastructure and goals provide an opportunity for suitable candidates to make a significant contribution to Squash in the UK.

The main responsibilities will include:

- Developing talented juniors and seniors up to county and national levels.
- Attracting new Squash, Racketball & Fitness Club Members to the Club
- Developing social activity within the Club.
- Encouraging and assisting all Members to improve their skills
- Heading up the Club's participation in the Yorkshire League.
- Guiding, developing and working with the Club's Development Coach to improve the effectiveness of the schools/beginners programme
- Carrying out a range of administrative and managerial duties, several being IT related

Other earning opportunities are available through Private Coaching, running ESR Sanctioned Tournaments, Holiday Programmes and other aspects of the Club's operation for which the candidate may be qualified. Remuneration will be commensurate with the responsibilities undertaken, which will be set down in a self-employed contract negotiated between the individual and the Club.

The Club

APR+FC is an ESR Gold Charter Club located in SW Sheffield on the Yorkshire/Derbyshire border with some 420 Rackets and 400 Fitness Suite members. It is based within a multi-sports site. Its enviable pedigree goes back to the 1930's. It has seven Squash courts, including the All-glass show court, an extensive Fitness Suite, Exercise Studio, Shop and Treatment Room. The Club hosts the British Junior Open each January and other events throughout the year. The Club fields two teams in the Yorkshire League and a further seven in the Sheffield & District League. The Club already has a good, mixed squad of elite level juniors, including a current British National Champion and several other very highly ranked players.

The staff of Coaches, Fitness Instructors and Receptionists (all part-time) are supervised by a Club Committee of Volunteers, some of whom have executive responsibilities. It is eager to develop the Club further being ready and able to invest capital in its infrastructure and wanting to grow both its membership and social activities to help make it one of the most exciting and attractive Squash/RB and Fitness venues for all abilities and ages in the UK. APR+FC is an equal opportunities employer

The Person

Applicants should have played squash to a national standard and have a proven track record in developing player performance at both junior and senior level. A minimum UKCC Level 3 coaching qualification or equivalent is preferred.

We expect the person appointed to be equally comfortable working with nationally ranked Squash players or Racketball beginners and have the skills, charisma, initiative, enthusiasm and personal qualities to work with the Voluntary Committee in further developing the Club and ensuring that it continues to be one of the UK's most innovative and highly regarded centres for Squash and Racketball. In addition to their technical qualifications, experience in management and/or IT would be an advantage

Application Forms are available from squash@abbeydalepark.co.uk and should be completed and returned by Wednesday 6th. May 2009 **together with their CV**. We expect interviews to take place in Mid-May and the role taken up by late July '09.

**Abbeydale Park Rackets and Fitness Club
Abbeydale Park, Abbeydale Rd. South. Sheffield. S17 3LJ**

Application for Provision of Services as a Professional Coach

Please complete this Application Form and return it together with a CV outlining in more detail your career to date and why you feel you are equipped & experienced to fill this role.

Name:

Address:

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**Tel. Nos.
(Indicate
preference)**

Home:

Office:

Mobile:

**Email Addresses:
(Indicate
preference)**

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**Current
Role/Position:**

**Current
Employer/Client**

Contact Person:

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Role:

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Tel. No.

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**I am happy for/I do not wish* you
to contact my current
employer/client. Please delete as
necessary.**

**ESR Coaching
Qualification**

**When
obtained**

CRB clearance - ESR/other agency, please specify

Please provide a brief summary of your experience/expertise/what you would bring to each of the following roles.

Developing talented juniors and seniors up to county and national levels.

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Developing social activity within the Club.	
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Guiding, developing and working with the Club's Development Coach to improve the effectiveness of the schools/ beginners programme	
Carrying out a range of administrative and managerial duties, several being IT related	
Any other skills, experience you think you have which would be valuable to the Club	

I confirm that the information provided herein is fair and true.

Signed: **Date:**

Please return this form by post to The Chairman, Abbeydale Park Rackets and Fitness Club,
 Abbeydale Park, Abbeydale Rd. South. Sheffield. S17 3LJ
 by Wednesday 6th. May 2009.
 Please mark the Envelope Private and Confidential.
 All applications will be acknowledged.