CAMBRIDGE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Lead Academy Sports Scientist

Developing the ‘Match Winner’

Lead Academy Sports Scientist Job Description

Job Title	**Lead Academy Sports Scientist**
Reporting to	The Academy Manager & Head of Coaching
Key Objectives	To be responsible for the planning of the sport science programme, and oversee the athletic progress of the Academy Scholars and schoolboys, ensuring that the programme meets the requirements of EPPP, supported by the Professional Development Phase Lead Coach, Youth Development Phase Lead Coach and Foundation Phase Lead Coach and Head of Coaching

Role Accountabilities & Key Duties	
1	To be responsible for the planning and organisation of the Academy Sport Science Programme.
	To implement a progressively planned age appropriate programme for players aged 8-18
	To be responsible for Academy physical testing in line with EPPP requirements
2	To lead the delivery of seminars and talks for parents as required.
3	To assist with administrative tasks related to the role, including general organisation and recording of sessions on PMA
4	To maintain and deliver effective session provision and to ensure that excellent standards are set in player performance and behaviour.
5	To be an effective member of the Academy
6	To represent Cambridge Utd Football Club at official FA/FL conferences and seminars where required
7	Review existing sport science provisions, plan improvements and identify resources/investments as required
8	To liaise with all phase Lead Coaches, Academy Manager and Medical department to ensure clear lines of communication are maintained at all times
9	To ensure appropriate delivery of sport science, in for those players on day release
10	To conduct and monitor daily hydration and weight scores for all scholarship players
11	To attend meetings as directed by the Academy Manager
12	To undertake other appropriate duties as directed by the Academy Manager
13	To work closely with the appropriate Academy departments to ensure the operation runs effectively and that a multi-disciplinary approach is followed

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Qualifications		Essential	Desirable
1	Enhanced DBS check	▪	
2	BSc in Sport Science or equivalent		▪
3	FA Safeguarding Children	▪	
4	FA Welfare Officer Certificate		▪
Skills & Experience		**Essential**	**Desirable**
1	Safeguarding & Child Protection	▪	
	Experience in Professional Football either through employment or placement	▪	
	Proven understanding of athletic development	▪	
2	Working knowledge of the PMA and EPPP		▪
3	Exceptional administrative and organisational skills	▪	
4	High level of competence using Excel, Word, and PowerPoint	▪	
5	Experience of planning, delivering and organising	▪	
6	Ability to liaise empathetically and effectively with young players, parents, club employees	▪	
7	A professional “can do” attitude with strong organisational and administrative skills	▪	
8	Empathy with young people and their challenges	▪	
9	A dynamic, hardworking and enthusiastic individual	▪	
10	A genuine team player	▪	
11	Excellent communicator	▪	
12	Displays a high level of confidentiality	▪	