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| Job Title: | Head Coach - National Squad (Under 17) |
| Responsible To: | Performance Pathways Officer |
| **1.0 Job Purpose** |
| **Background Information**We are seeking to employ a network of part time, fixed term netball coaches, assistant coaches, and team managers to deliver national squad training programmes for athletes selected onto the Northern Ireland netball squads, with a view to improving performance standards of Northern Ireland squads at international events and other competitive opportunities.**Job Purpose**The post holder will be responsible for developing all elements of an effective coaching programme for the Northern Ireland U17 Squad in preparation for the European Championships from 8th-10th March 2024 in Gibraltar.The Head Coach will liaise with Netball NI to develop an effective coaching plan and will monitor and evaluate the programme throughout, providing relevant feedback to both netballers and Netball NI. The post holder will deliver sessions in various locations as required for the operation of the post and delivery of the programme.They will also ensure that all responsibilities are carried out in a timely and effective manner and that general confidentiality is maintained in all issues relating to the work of Netball Northern Ireland. |
| **2.0 Specific Responsibilities** |
| 1. To devise, implement, monitor and review an appropriate coaching programme (incorporating both training and competition programmes), in preparation for the European Championships and other competitive opportunities that may arise.
2. To monitor and review the programme over the course of the year, through regular meetings with Netball NI and the squad management team.
3. To agree to the schedule of training dates with Netball NI.
4. To adhere to all Netball NI corporate policies and procedures, including Child Protection, Health & Safety and Finance.
5. To deal with disciplinary issues and if necessary, refer the matter to Netball NI.
6. To ensure any ill or injured player is deemed fit prior to their return to training,

 via a fitness test or medical certificate.1. To lead the management team comprising of Head Coach, Assistant Coach and Team Manager
2. To regularly liaise with appropriate Netball NI staff on the performance needs of the squads and players as regards preparation for competitions, training, and tournaments.
3. To support development by providing the right training at the right time, taking into consideration competition time and the players’ individual needs.
4. To provide feedback to all members of the squad.
5. To direct, empower and lead the Assistant Coach within the Coaching Programme ensuring their fully engaged within the sessions and allowing for professional development.
6. To link with other Northern Ireland netball squads.
7. To maintain accurate administration records for all coaching/training sessions and to prepare Mid-Year and Year End reports.

 1. To embrace and promote any Netball NI fundraising initiatives and to lead the squad management team in implementing a fundraising programme that is appropriate to the squad.
2. To assist with the selection process, adhering to NNI Selection Policy
3. To develop and maintain efficient systems ensuring the smooth running of the squad.
4. To attend ongoing CPD opportunities as identified by Netball NI and undertake further training as required.
5. Any other duties that may reasonably be undertaken in the pursuit of the overall objectives of the programme, as deemed appropriate by Netball Northern Ireland
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