

Job Title:	Head Coach - National Squad (Under 21)
Responsible To:	Pathways Manager/Senior Head Coach

1.0 Job Purpose

Background Information

We are seeking to employ a part time, fixed term Head Coach to deliver the U21 national squad training programme for athletes selected onto the Northern Ireland U21 Squad, with a view to improving performance standards of Northern Ireland squads at international events and other competitive opportunities.

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The post holder will be responsible for developing all elements of an effective coaching programme for the Northern Ireland U21 National Squad, working towards Competition such as the World Youth Cup Qualifiers 2024 and the subsequent World Youth Cup 2025.

The U21 Head Coach will liaise with Netball NI Performance Staff and the Senior Head Coach to develop an effective coaching plan and will monitor and evaluate the programme throughout, providing relevant feedback to both the athletes and Netball NI. The post holder will most likely deliver monthly weekend camps 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 work with Netball NI Pathways Manager, Senior Coach and Performance Coordinator to devise, implement, monitor and review an appropriate programme (incorporating both training and competition programmes), in preparation for the European 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.
7. To lead the management team comprising of Head Coach, Assistant Coach and Team Manager
8. To support development by providing the right training at the right time, taking into consideration competition time and the players' individual needs.

9. To provide clear communication and feedback to all members of the squad as and when required.
10. To direct, empower and lead the Assistant Coach within the Coaching Programme ensuring they are fully engaged within the sessions and allowing for professional development.
11. To ensure programme links with the Warriors Way.
12. To maintain accurate administration records for all coaching/training sessions and to prepare Competition reports.
13. 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.
14. To assist with the selection process, adhering to NNI Selection Policy.
15. To develop and maintain efficient systems ensuring the smooth running of the squad.
16. To attend ongoing CPD opportunities as identified by Netball NI and undertake further training as required.
17. 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.

3.0 Key Dates:

- 20th & 21st January 2024
- 10th & 11th February 2024
- 11th May 2024
- 23rd-29th September 2024
- 18th-28th September 2025

- Training dates TBC – likely to be one weekend per month.

Please submit your CV to performancecoordinator@netballni.org by the 12pm on Monday 4th December.