



About AoC Sport

AoC Sport is the lead membership organisation for college sport and physical activity and is an Association of Colleges (AoC) subsidiary company.

AoC Sport encourages and supports every student to participate in sport and physical activity as an integrated part of their college experience. Offering a range of specialist advice, training and events, AoC Sport champions a whole-organisation, cross-curricular approach to physical activity, which results in dynamic college communities, healthy students and an economic boost to the bottom line.

AoC Sport was formed following the merger of British Colleges Sport (BCS), the English Colleges Football Association (ECFA) and the Association of Colleges (AoC) sport policy team in August 2014. The ECFA brand was retained and now represents AoC Sport's football delivery arm as part of the long-term successful partnership with The Football Association.

The Association of Colleges (AoC) exists to represent and promote the interests of colleges and provide members with professional support services. As such, we aim to be the authoritative voice of colleges – based on credible analysis, research, advocacy and consultation with colleges – and the first-choice destination for guidance and advice for members. AoC was established in 1996 by colleges themselves as a voice for further education and higher education delivered in colleges at national and regional level.

Our membership includes General and Specialist Further Education Colleges and Sixth Form Colleges in England, and we work with other College associations via the UK Council of Colleges AoC's structure includes a busy national office in London, an active network of regional offices and a wide range of member networks, through which staff and Governors inform and shape AoC policy and activity.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Physiotherapist or Sports Therapist (Volunteer)

Job Purpose: To support the selection, preparation, fitness and performance of the AoC Sport Football Representative Team.

To deliver programmes put in place for individual athletes such that they are prepared to their best ability to perform to the highest possible standard.

Department / Directorate	AoC Sport
Reports To	AoC Sport Football Representative Team Programme Manager and Coaching Team

Monetary Responsibility	Budget/ Revenue Generation: None but must ensure that best value is achieved in expenditure. Risk Management: Reputation risk in errors of communication, safeguarding, organisation of events and player confidentiality
External Key Contacts	Staff at all levels in AoC Sport member colleges, students and parents
Internal Key Contacts	AoC Sport staff, AoC Regional and ECFA staff

Key Accountabilities & Responsibilities:

Assist in planning and delivering a well-balanced and co-ordinated programme in conjunction with the Head Coach and other Coaches.

1. Act as the main point of contact regarding medical information and treatment for teams attending international and domestic fixtures, including inoculations, climate information, fluid intake etc
2. Maintain such information on treatment as required to provide accurate reports and records
3. Attend all trials if required to do so and contribute fully to the selection process to select squads
4. Attend fixtures and training camps and contribute to the delivery of sessions.
5. Work with coaches to incorporate injury prevention sessions into players' training programmes.
6. Prepare players professionally for performance.
7. Support the Administrator to manage all communication with selected squad players.
8. Attend staff CPD and review meetings as and when required.
9. Provide verbal and/or written reports on the progress of the programme as and when required.
10. Provide regular feedback to the team and staff as required.
Maintain squad discipline, establishing and monitoring agreed standards of behaviour. Work flexibly and interchangeably with others (and other sports), providing cover and support in the event of absences or other circumstances as required.
11. Carry out such duties commensurate with skills and experience that may be required from time to time to meet the needs of AoC Sport

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Description	Essential/Desirable
Education/Qualifications/Professional Bodies	
BSc Physiotherapy or Sports Therapist degree or equivalent.	E
HCPC / BASRaT or relevant physiotherapist / sports therapist accreditation.	E
First Aid qualification – FA Level 4 or above or RFU Level 2 or above	E
Knowledge, Skills and Experience	
Experience of working with performance athletes, ideally in a range of environments	E
A thorough knowledge & understanding of technical skills, tactical skills and conditioning levels required for players to aspire to and succeed at elite level.	E
Proven leadership and decision-making skills, excellent interpersonal and communication skills, sound organisational and planning skills, complemented by attention to detail.	E
Computer literacy including email, MS Office.	E
Attributes	
Demonstrates commitment to own learning and continuous improvement through training and development.	E
Excellent presentation and inter-personal skills.	E
Ability to prioritise workload to meet deadlines.	E
Ability to work under pressure and to deadlines.	E
Demonstrates respect for equality of opportunity & diversity and works to actively promote an inclusive work environment and good working relationships amongst staff.	E
Demonstrates an interest in Further Education.	E

Acknowledgement

This job description has been designed to indicate the general nature and level of the work performance by volunteers in this post. It is not designed to contain or be interpreted as a comprehensive inventory of all duties, responsibilities and qualifications / experience required by volunteers assigned to the role. These may be subject to future amendments following appropriate consultation.