Vacancy

Oldham Athletic Academy

Assistant PDP Coach to support the delivery of the Professional Development Phase programme, helping to maximise player development and prepare players for first-team football. The role assists the Lead PDP Coach in designing and delivering high-quality training sessions, contributing to the multi-disciplinary development plans, and supporting player progression in line with the club's playing philosophy and the requirements of the EPPP.

Qualifications & Experience

UEFA A Licence.

FA Safeguarding Children Certificate.

Valid FA Emergency First Aid in Football (EFAiF).

Experience coaching within an academy or elite youth football environment.

Strong understanding of the Professional Development Phase and EPPP requirements.

If interested in applying ,please send your CV and a covering note to emma.samual@oldhamathletic.co.uk

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Key Responsibilities

1. Coaching & Player Development

- Support the planning, delivery, and review of daily PDP training sessions in alignment with the club's technical and tactical framework.
- Assist in match preparation, including opposition analysis, team selection discussions, and individual player objectives.

- Deliver individual development plans (IDPs) for selected players and contribute to the review process.
- Provide detailed technical, tactical, physical, and psychological feedback to players.

2. Matchday Duties

- Assist the Lead Coach on matchdays with warm-ups, in-game coaching, tactical adjustments, and substitution management.
- Help compile post-match reviews for individuals and units.
- Contribute to match analysis, including coding, clipping, and review sessions.

3. Multi-Disciplinary Collaboration

- Work closely with Sports Science, Medical, Analysis, Education, Safeguarding, and Player Care staff to support holistic player development.
- Attend and contribute to weekly multi-disciplinary team (MDT) meetings.
- Ensure all coaching delivery aligns with long-term player development strategies and loading guidelines.

4. Administration & Compliance

- Contribute to the maintenance of coaching logs, session plans, and player records in line with EPPP requirements.
- Assist with audit preparation and ensure all coaching work meets Category 3 standards.
- Ensure safeguarding, welfare, and equality responsibilities are followed at all times.

5. Professionalism & Community

- Establish positive, productive relationships with players, parents, and staff.
- Serve as a role model demonstrating professionalism, discipline, and the academy's values.
- Represent the academy at internal and external events when required.

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Desirable Skills & Attributes

- Experience working with 16–19 age groups.
- Competence with modern analysis software (e.g., Hudl, SportsCode, Veo).

- Strong communication, interpersonal, and leadership skills.
- Ability to build rapport and educate young players transitioning into senior football.
- High levels of organisation, adaptability, and attention to detail.

Other Requirements

- Flexible working approach, including evenings, weekends, and matchdays.
- Enhanced DBS check.
- Commitment to ongoing CPD and coach development.