



Head of Futures Rugby

Edinburgh University RFC is the premier University rugby club in Scotland, and consistently in the top 20 University rugby clubs in the UK. EURFC was founded in 1857, and was one of the founding members of the SRU. The club has 5 teams, with the 1st XV playing in the second top tier of the UK leagues in BUCS North Prem. A; our 2nd XV are in the top level of Scottish University rugby - 1A; 3rd XV in 2A and 4th XV in 4A, and the EURFC XV playing in the Scottish Rugby regional leagues. The University has some of the best sports facilities in the UK, with world class gym and pitches, as well as a floodlit, World Rugby approved, 3G pitch.

The club places great emphasis on the new 1st years who join the club, and so set up the 'Futures Programme' that looks to develop and prepare new players joining the club to advance to play for the teams higher up in the club over their time at University. So, the club, following several hugely successful seasons of the programme running, are looking to appoint a new Head of Futures Rugby to oversee this programme, and become part of the EURFC coaching team.

The role will be a paid position, with the successful candidate receiving EURFC kit, as well as the offer of a reduction in cost to a gym membership at SE Pleasance.

ROLE DESCRIPTION

Reports to:

David Adamson, Head of Men's Performance Rugby

Key relationships:

All EURFC coaching staff; all EURFC players; EURFC S&C coaches; EURFC medical team; EURFC (Student led) committee.

Nature and scope of job:

The post-holder will oversee the planning and delivery of the Futures Rugby programme for the season across the whole club, with primary focus on the 3rd XV (Futures). The post-holder will provide a positive and successful training environment. Oversee the delivery of high quality coaching to all players to prepare them for matches, as well as the transition to play higher up the club, and enable them to perform at their optimal level.

PRINCIPLE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Oversee the delivery of coaching to the Futures Programme.
2. Attend all training (Monday evenings and Saturday mornings) and matches (Wednesday afternoon – desirable, but not essential).
3. Implement and assist in delivering and developing the rugby development plan, as set out by the Head of Men's Performance Rugby across EURFC.
4. Ensure players receive the highest quality coaching, preparation and feedback.
5. Work in conjunction with the other coaches of the club to facilitate the selection of players in an objective manner when appropriate.
6. Help evaluate coaching sessions and matches with the coaching team and players where and when directed by the Head of Men's Performance Rugby.
7. Provide constructive feedback to players to enable them to continue with their development.
8. Assist in the continual development of the player profile system across the club.
9. Assist in the identification of highly talented players who have the potential to move into the 1st XV, and beyond.
10. Participate in an annual review of performance and commit to a programme of professional development.
11. Ensure the playing squad present themselves as ambassadors for EURFC acting within accordance of the 'Core Values' of the club.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND QUALITIES

- Hold a minimum of (or working towards) a SRU / UKCC Level 2 Coaching Qualification.
- A knowledge of the student game is desirable, but not essential
- Have experience of working with players of the ages of 18-22 years old
- Self-motivated, committed and enthusiastic about inspiring learning, holding high standards of personal accountability and responsibility for EURFC players
- Can articulate and deliver clear and up to date technical and tactical content in accordance with the EURFC's playing philosophy
- Is strongly influenced by a Player Centred approach to learning, coaching and development
- Support a playing and training environment that allows the player to balance their rugby development, alongside the importance and requirements of studying towards a world class degree.

Hours of Work

Training

Mondays – 730pm to 930pm

Saturdays – 9am to 11am

Match Day

Wednesdays – Timings dependent on travel

To apply, please email a CV and cover letter to david.adamson@ed.ac.uk

Closing Date: 23rd September 2022