

## **Chichester Racquets & Fitness Club – Head Squash & Racketball Coach**

**Job Advert February 2020**

### **Self-Employed coaching role at Chichester Racquets & Fitness Club.**

#### **The Club**

Set in the heart of the historic City of Chichester, with views over rolling parkland, the Club is dedicated to providing high level sports and fitness facilities in a modern environment.

Established in 1964 we are a members Club with an excellent reputation for the promotion of tennis, squash, racketball and fitness as well as a lively social scene. The Atmosphere is warm and friendly and recent refurbishment ensures comfortable surroundings in which to relax with a membership of over 1600 members.

Our facilities include;

- 5 squash/racketball courts including 1 glass back championship court.
- 10 doubles tennis courts, (3 astro turf, 4 synthetic clay & 3 tarmac) + a Kids Zone of 2 mini orange courts. All courts are floodlit and 3 are covered by the Dome during the winter months for all year round tennis.
- 2000 sq.ft. gym with a free weights/resistance equipment area plus a cardiovascular training zone.
- Large, light and airy exercise studio with semi-sprung floor for our classes and table tennis.
- Spa pool, sauna and steam room for after exercise relaxation.
- Bar & Restaurant with outdoor Terrace.
- Members' Car Park.
- Plans to introduce 2 Padel tennis courts at the Club.

Chichester Racquets & Fitness Club is looking for a Head Squash and Racketball Coach to develop and run a fully comprehensive squash & racketball coaching programme at the Club. The coach must be able to coach a variety of squash & racketball players from complete beginner to elite players, with a particular interest in developing groups, junior and women's squash.

#### **Applicant Requirements**

- Minimum Level 3 squash & racketball coaching qualification and/or equivalent certificate
- Registered with the England Squash Licenses Coach Scheme
- Up to date DBS check
- Must be personable, energetic, have a positive attitude, and able to interact well with all members
- Have a passion for developing junior squash, both in terms of mass participation and standard.
- Must feel confident delivering both individual and group coaching sessions to juniors and adults
- Must be capable of driving and growing group sessions and club membership, including women's squash.
- Is a reliable, organised, self-disciplined and punctual individual.

## **Role & Responsibilities**

The Club is seeking a Head Squash and Racketball Coach to devise and implement a programme of squash activity. The Head Coach will have oversight of delivery of the programme and in doing so shall:

- be responsible for driving an increase in participation in squash at the Club;
- work with assistance coaches in order to deliver the programme;
- ensure that there is a comprehensive and active coaching schedule which shall include group sessions catering for juniors, women's, team and social squash players;
- provide some group sessions on an open access basis with the sessions being funded by the Club (without additional charge to participants) with a view to driving greater participation;
- provide coaching on a 1-2-1 basis to club members;
- manage and deliver the Club's schools squash programme with a view to ensuring active participation in squash by local school children with a view to converting some of those participants to regular squash players and members of the club;
- create an elite/performance squash programme aimed at ensuring that elite squash players are catered for. The Club is interested to hear proposals from candidates as to how an elite programme might work at the Club. The performance element of the programme will need to be balanced with the need to increase participation overall and create routes for club members to improve and attain their own goals on court;
- work with the Club's other retained coaches/professionals (including the Club's tennis coaches and fitness professionals) in order to create an overall vibrant racquets and fitness scene;
- actively represent the club in team squash matches (fitness permitting) and shall ensure there is an overall system for meeting the administrative requirements of relevant leagues and governing bodies;
- oversee the administration internal squash & racketball tournaments throughout the season and shall have overall responsibility for the rules applying to such competitions.

The Club is seeking a Head Coach with a desire to create a legacy of active squash participation at the Club. Beginners and those new to the sport should be able to find a route to play in a competitive and social environment. Improvers should have the support and encouragement needed to progress. Advanced players should have the support and facilities to be the best players to fulfil their potential.

The Club recognises the need to form an effective partnership with its Head Squash & Racketball Coach and is open to receiving ideas and innovations within and relating to the objectives described in this document.

The Club envisages an annual retainer of between £7-12k with coaching fees to be retained by the Head Coach (subject to court fees). Further discussion is anticipated once a preferred candidate has been identified.

### **Contact**

Please send your CV and covering letter to [manager@crafc.co.uk](mailto:manager@crafc.co.uk)

For more information call Jack Lerwill (Club Manager) on 01243 785664.

Closing date for applications: Friday 21st February 2020

Interviews to be held: w/c Monday 24 February 2020

### **Information required**

CV needs to include your address and contact details, highlighting and explaining any gaps in your employment history.

Cover letter to highlight your motivation for applying. Outline your personal achievements in previous roles and how the experience matches the job specification.