

Task Description



Title: Lead Psychologist

Touch is one of the fastest growing sports in England, played by people of all ages and skill levels. England Touch is the national governing body for Touch in England and is responsible for the governance and development of the sport. Your role as Lead Psychologist is to support elite Touch players in their preparation for international competition.

Role purpose:

- To lead and manage a team of sport psychologists to ensure a consistent high quality support for elite touch athletes
- Develop a holistic approach, underpinned by evidence-based practice, to support both athletes and coaching staff in their preparation for, and during, international competition
- Liaise with elite coaching staff, Head of Medical Services and Lead Sport Scientist to ensure the on-going development of England Touch elite athletes.

Experience:

- Experience in leading people in an elite sport environment with proven skills in providing psychological support
- You will have evidence of successfully integrating sport psychology into an established coaching structure
- You will have shown the ability to plan and deliver a flexible approach to working with demanding groups in sport and responding to the changing environment of high performance teams
- Experience working in a multi-disciplinary team.

Qualifications:

- Degree accredited by BPS (Essential)
- BPS - Accredited MSc in Sport Psychology
- Successful DBS

Suggested time undertaken within this role is equivalent to 10 hours per week.

Key dates: The touch calendar is cyclical, with key tournaments taking place over spring and summer with more of a focus on strategic planning and organisation over autumn and winter.

Detail	Key Date(s) for 2017	Attendance
AGM	Annually	Essential
England Training Camp(s)	Camp 1 TBC Camp 2 TBC	Essential
European Championships	Nottingham, July	Essential

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Skills and Qualities:

Person specification	E	D
Demonstrate experience in the assessment and management of complex psychological issues related to the sporting athlete	X	
Ability to build working relationships with coaching, sport sciences, medical personnel within a HP environment	X	
Efficient and organised	X	
Ability to lead and plan a service provision of psychological support	X	
Well-developed interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills	X	
Self-motivated and able to work independently and as part of a team	X	
Ability to utilise expertise from support services and others to ensure success in ETA	X	
Ability to express thoughts and ideas in a clear and succinct manner in group situations	X	
Knowledge of the sport of Touch		X

Scope of job/key elements:

Main duties and Job Accountabilities	Measures and input required
Education of coaches, managers and players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To liaise with Head of Medical Services regarding the delivery of psychological intervention to maximise performance and player welfare. Provide guidance to players and coaches, regarding best practice. To ensure confidentiality of all information in accordance with details specified in each player's Confidentiality Agreement Consent Form, following Professional Standards for Data Protection and Confidentiality by the relevant professional governing body.
Management of players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To advise, liaise and work closely with the Head of Medical Services regarding player welfare. To maintain confidential records/reports and information regarding recommendations for continuing care Core Standards of Practice and ETA Policy. To develop individual/team assessments and appropriate management strategy which incorporate the relevant level of support and advice to facilitate performance Provide psychology support to all England player during domestic and international training camps and competition
Management of psychology team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversee and manage the recruitment and retention of psychology staff in collaboration with Head of Medical Services

Reports to: Head of Medical Services – see Organisational Chart (Medical and Sport Science Department)

Locations: Work from home; working away from home for both England training and tournament.

Contract type: 1 year term, reviewed at the AGM. (Feb 2018.)

Salary: Voluntary role, expenses paid if applicable.