Higher Education Volleyball Officer (HEVO)

Role Description 2017-18

Voluntary Role: Higher Education Volleyball Officer

Responsible to: Sports Development Coordinator

Role: To lead and coordinate the development of recreational volleyball at the University of Essex. To encourage new participants into the sport, ensuring a quality experience for all players, regardless of their ability. The key focus of developing inclusive recreational opportunities will be based around 4v4 volleyball.

Key Tasks:

1. Establish weekly recreational volleyball sessions which will encourage participation – working with the Athletics Union and/or sport development team.
2. Submit termly reports to your Senior HEVO, identifying the total, new and retained numbers of participants engaging in all your recreational volleyball sessions.
3. Deliver a minimum of one mass participation event aiming to offer students and/or members of the community opportunities to participate in volleyball.
4. Offer a pathway from recreational volleyball to competitive teams.
5. Provide volunteer opportunities to students utilising free Grade 4 referee course places via volleyball England.
6. Use social media to raise the profile of the host institution, volleyball activity and the HEVO Programme.
7. Link the local volleyball clubs and your regional association to develop the provisions of volleyball within the university and the local community.
8. Share good practice stories with Volleyball England and other HEVOs.

Key Relationships:

Volleyball England:
- Core Market Coordinator – Rob Payne – r.payne@volleyballengland.org
- Business Services Coordinator – Hannah Winsbury – h.winsbury@volleyballengland.org
- Project Delivery Team Officer – Laura Woodruff – l.woodruff@volleyballengland.org
- Regional Volleyball Associations (listed in guidance document)

Host Institution: University, Volleyball Club, Athletic Union and/or Sport Development team

External Partners: Community volleyball clubs, BUCS, County Sport Partnerships (CSP)

Personal Specification:

- Must be a student based at the host institution, does not necessarily have to play volleyball.
- Enthusiastic approach and a positive “can do” attitude.
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Ability to work in a team and on own initiative.
- IT and Social media literate, capable of raising the profile of the volleyball activity.
- Passionate about developing sport, particularly volleyball.
- Willingness to mentor students and potential future HEVOs.
- Motivational attitude which inspires those around them to engage in volleyball.
- Strong organisational skills – capable of organising weekly sessions and standalone events.
How to apply:

To apply, please submit a CV, your name, email address, phone number and a 200-300 word description as to why you feel you would be an ideal candidate for this position. Submissions to be made via email to Shaun Conlon (Sports Development Officer) at sconlon@essex.ac.uk

Closing date for completed applications is on **1st June 2017 at 12pm**

Interviews are planned for w/c June 5th.