

# Scottish Fencing Role Description

## Cadet and Junior Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2024

### Team Coach

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The Commonwealth Fencing Championships will take place in Christchurch, New Zealand from 12-19 July 2024. Scottish Fencing are looking for an experienced coach to lead the Scottish team at the event.

The Team Coach will work with the Scottish Fencing Performance Director and staff team to create a strong, well-prepared team with shared vision and values able to deliver to their potential at the Cadet and Junior Commonwealth Fencing Championship. The Team Coach will work with Cadets and Juniors and their personal coaches where relevant to ensure that each fencer receives the support required to prepare and perform at the Championship.

#### **Team Coach Duties:**

- To work in partnership with the Scottish Fencing Performance Director and staff team to deliver the team preparation and training plan for the Scotland Teams ahead of the event.
- To work in partnership with the Team Manager and Welfare Officer to support the fencers and teams at the Championship.
- Lead squad training sessions in the run up to the Commonwealth Championships
- To work with all squad members and their personal coaches where relevant in the run up to the Commonwealth Championships to ensure fencers are fully prepared from a technical, tactical, physical and mental perspective.
- Provide coaching advice and support to the Scottish fencers and teams as required, this may include planning warm-ups, tactical and motivational support at the Commonwealths.
- Assist athletes and, if appointed, weapon captains to specify team orders and substitutions.
- Assist the Team Manager and Welfare Officer with their roles, undertaking any other duties as required to ensure the Health, Safety and wellbeing of athletes.
- Promote Scottish Fencing's best practice guidance/code of ethics and behaviour including anti discriminatory practice.
- Assist Scottish Fencing to fulfil its responsibilities to safeguard young people including maintaining confidentiality.

#### **Essential requirements:**

- Have minimum Level 3 coaching qualification.
- Demonstrable experience of High-Performance coaching and leadership behaviours.
- Good communication skills, the TC needs to communicate effectively with fencers (including young fencers), parents and other coaches.

- Current member of British Fencing's coach register – and will remain on the register until the conclusion of the Commonwealth Championships.
- Knowledge of Scottish Fencing's role and responsibilities to safeguard the welfare of children.
- Experience of supporting a fencing team in a competition setting

#### **Additional information**

- Scottish Fencing wish to recruit a Team Coach (TC) to deliver pre-event training to the Fencers/Teams.
- The TC will travel to the Commonwealth Championships to work with the fencers and teams, supporting preparation and performance at the event.
- The role is a voluntary role, the TC will receive travel expenses for any pre-event training sessions. For the Commonwealth Championships, Scottish Fencing will cover the costs of travel, accommodation and will pay a nominal daily rate for subsistence.
- The TC will be required to complete the UKAD Coach Clean online course.