DURHAM CRICKET

EMPLOYMENT PACK

MEN'S HEAD COACH

INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW OF DURHAM CRICKET

Durham County Cricket Club (DCCC) was established as an amateur Minor County in May 1882 and went onto become cricket's most successful Minor County and the first to beat a First- Class County when defeating Yorkshire in 1973. Durham was awarded first class professional status in December 1991 – the only new First-Class County in over 70 years – and played in the professional structure from 1992.

Since 2007 DCCC has had significant success winning the County Championship three times and being runners up once, and also won the Fifty Over Competition twice in Lord's finals and appeared twice in T20 Finals Day.

Since becoming a first-class county, DCCC has established English cricket's most successful academy, regularly producing international stars for England, including Steve Harmison, Paul Collingwood, Mark Wood and Ben Stokes.

Durham CCC created the first new English Test Match stadium in over 100 years securing a long-term stadium naming rights sponsorship with Emirates Airways that ended in 2021. The venue has a 14,000 permanent seating capacity and the Club has staged international cricket every year since 1999, including the successful Ashes Test held in 2013 and three games in the ICC Cricket World Cup in 2019. The Club has been awarded a further package of international matches in 2026.

A successful rebrand in 2018 created a new Durham Cricket identity. Durham Cricket is now the umbrella organisation encompassing all elements of cricket provision in the county covering the professional and recreational game and all activities impacting on the wider community of the county and beyond. Four separate organisations sit under the Durham Cricket umbrella and these are briefly described below.

Durham Cricket Community Interest Company (CIC) – Durham Cricket CIC operates the professional cricket side of the business.

Durham Cricket Board - the Durham Cricket Board is the recreational body in Durham responsible for all non-first class cricket related activities in the County. Primarily responsible for driving the growth in participation and ensuring the cricket clubs in the county are organised in a way to provide safe, welcoming environments to allow people to enjoy a lifelong involvement in cricket.

Durham Cricket Events – Durham Cricket Events runs the meetings and events, hospitality and catering operations at the Riverside.

Durham Cricket Foundation – the Foundation is the charitable arm of Durham Cricket and delivers initiatives aimed at providing opportunities and improving the lives of the local community.

VISION, PURPOSE AND VALUES OF DURHAM CRICKET BUSINESS DIRECTION, VISION AND VALUES

Durham Cricket has an essential role as the strategic delivery arm of the ECB in north east England. Durham Cricket also has the opportunity to mark out a very distinctive position in the world of cricket through the development and communication of an inspiring common purpose and strong individual identity (the Durham Cricket brand).

Our vision aligns the organisation from Changing Room to Boardroom, bringing together cricketing and commercial goals and resonates with our community (customers).

An effective Durham Cricket brand demands focus, ambition and a consistent approach to everything we do. There is an expectation that all our people will follow the vision, live and breathe the values and adhere to a set of consistent of behaviours. These are all set out below.

VISION

The vision of Durham Cricket has two key elements. Firstly, there is an internal vision which is designed to guide how the staff go about delivering on the organisation's values and objectives. Secondly there is an external vision which shows how Durham Cricket are going to deliver on its cricketing objectives and assist the ECB in meeting their strategies.

Internal Vision:

Durham Cricket will be recognised for having a winning culture both on and off the field achieved by highly engaged people who enjoy working together with pride and passion.

External Vision:

2 £2 million invested into recreational and community programmes 0 No debt
2 Winning two trophies
4 Producing four new England players

PURPOSE

UNLEASHING POTENTIAL THROUGH CRICKET IN THE NORTH

VALUES

PROUDLY NORTHERN

We stand for something. We are family. Genuine, welcoming with a resilient spirit and a sense of fun.

PASSIONATE ABOUT DURHAM

We care about our club, our business and our brand. The passion and emotion unites us and drives us forward to create opportunities for the north on a national and global stage.

PURSUING EXCELLENCE

We strive to be the best we can be. Continuously improving and pushing ourselves to set higher standards.

UNIQUELY CRICKET

Cricket is at our heart and heritage. It makes us unique and its principles guide everything we do.

BEHAVIOURS

The following are a series of behaviours that we expect all of our people to adhere to:

- We are ambitious in the goals we set
- We actively seek and encourage feedback in pursuit of excellence
- We focus on continuous improvement
- We are accountable for our actions
- We catch people doing things right
- We are adaptable and flexible
- We are equitable and inclusive in the way we operate
- We care for our staff and look out for them at all times
- We stay true to our vision

HEAD COACH

Role and responsibilities:

- The Head Coach will report into the Director of Cricket and will have overall responsibility for the performance and management of the Professional Men's Team
- Prepare the Men's team to compete in England Cricket's 3 domestic competitions, in line with performance targets set by the Director of Cricket.
- Accountable for developing and leading a collaborative, supportive and inclusive environment so all players and staff can thrive and are able to achieve their potential.
- The successful candidate will be responsible for inspiring team success in all competitions and the production of England players.
- The Head Coach will oversee a coaching team and support staff providing support and guidance as and when required

Qualifications, Skills and Experience required:

- Minimum ECB Level 3 coaching qualification or equivalent with a desire to qualify at Level 4 in the future.
- Proven experience of strategic planning and embedding a high-performance culture at first-class cricket or international level.
- Demonstrable successful track record of leading positive cultural change.
- A record of innovative approaches to coaching and player development.
- Excellent time management, communication and interpersonal skills.
- Good leadership and management skills.
- Expertise in one specific skill discipline.
- An understanding of Sports Science and its relevance to cricket in particular.
- An understanding of the importance of equality, diversity and inclusion and their impact on local communities regarding accessing professional sport.
- Experience of coaching in Internationally, Domestic and Elite T20 franchise.
- Experience of playing professional cricket and a knowledge and understanding of the professional game.

OTHER CONDITIONS

The post holder will be based at Banks Homes Riverside as part of the High Performance Cricket department. Due to the nature of the work the post holder will carry out his/her duties as such times/days which are most effective to perform the tasks required. This will involve some out of hours work – evenings, weekends, Bank Holidays, as necessary.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN EMPLOYMENT POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of Durham Cricket to treat all employees and job applicants fairly and equally regardless of age, disability, gender, reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation. Furthermore, Durham Cricket will ensure that no requirement or condition will be imposed without justification which could disadvantage individuals purely on any of the above situations.

We recognize and value the difference and individual contribution that people make to the organisation. We strive to ensure that diversity as well as equality is embedded in all our policies, procedures and practices, responding to employees' needs and encouraging employee development to increase their contribution to effective service delivery.

SAFER RECRUITMENT POLICY

Durham Cricket is committed to safeguarding and protecting the children and young people that we work with. As such, all posts are subject to a safer recruitment process, including the disclosure of criminal records and vetting checks. We ensure that we have a range of policies and procedures in place which promote safeguarding and safer working practice across our services.

HOURS

Full time fixed term contract

SALARY

Salary – negotiable and dependent on experience

HOLIDAYS

28 days per annum (pro rata) which includes the 8 statutory Bank Holidays in England & Wales.

PENSION SCHEME

Automatic Enrolment into the Royal London Group Personal Pension Plan. Matched employee contributions up to a maximum contribution of 5% of Basic Salary.

WORKPLACE

Durham Cricket, Banks Homes Riverside, Chester-le-Street, DH3 3QR

TO APPLY

To apply for the role please send a covering letter detailing your suitability for the role and a current CV to recruitment@durhamcricket.co.uk

Due to the quantity of applicants expected, only those short-listed will be notified.

We reserve the right to close this vacancy early if we receive sufficient applications for the role. Therefore, if you are interested, please submit your application as early as possible.