

The ASA Advanced Coaching Offer for Water Polo Candidate Information

Background Information

The ASA is investing approximately £10 million in coach education, development and support to ensure gold medal success in London 2012 and the legacy beyond. We have identified four key areas we aim to impact upon – **recruitment** of coaches into the industry, **training** of coaches in a formal capacity, **support** for coaches to develop and flourish and **retention of** coaches to create a professionally regulated workforce.

The Advanced Coaching Offer is the first programme to support proactive, talented, developing coaches in their quest to expand their coaching knowledge, skills and experience. In conjunction with the ASA Talent Development Team, the Advanced Coaching Offer for Water Polo has been devised to support up to 20 coaches across England over a 4 year period.

What is the Water Polo Advanced Coaching Offer?

The Advanced Coaching Offer aims to provide targeted support for water polo coaches who have ambitions to undertake coaching as a professional opportunity, offering a structured process of mentoring, support and development through advanced experience in a number of appropriate environments.

The process that this programme will follow is outlined below:

- Coaches will apply for selection by Friday 5th March 2010
- 8 coaches across England will be selected based upon their application and eligibility
- Each selected coach will be part of the programme for a minimum of 2 years

How will I benefit?

If successfully selected for the programme you will be enrolled for a minimum of 2 years, within that time you will have access to the following support mechanisms.

- Coaching at your regional training centre
- Targeted support from the allocated ASA Talent Development Officer
- Access to England Talent Programmes including Millfield
- Help/training in the area (s) identified for development
- Opportunity to shape your future in aquatic coaching by observing/delivering coaching in an appropriate environment
- Support in the creation of local feeder/mentoring networks

How will it be delivered?

The offer is as follows:

Each coach will receive a minimum of two visits per year from a member of the ASA's English talent team. Each visit will comprise of a choice of the following

- Observation / analyses / support / challenge of your coaching sessions
- 1-1 discussions for an hour prior to or after each coaching session

Each coach will have the opportunity to coach at a regional training centre a minimum of 3 times per year.

What's the catch/cost?

The offer itself has no catch, no cost to the coach or the club. Coaches will be asked at the end of the programme to support coaches within their region and locality.

Entry Requirements?

To be eligible to do this apprenticeship you must meet the following criteria:

- Living in England
- Coach in a club environment for a minimum of three hours per week
- Hold a UKCC Level 1 Coaching Water Polo Qualification or equivalent
- Have an on-going commitment to self improvement
- Be willing to support other coaches in the region/discipline/locality

Express your Interest

If you are interested in being selected for the Water Polo Advanced Coaching Offer for 2010 - 2012 please complete the Advanced Coaching Offer Application Form and return to:

Jenny Baxter, ASA Coaching Systems Officer, 35 Granby Street, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3DU. Email: jenny.baxter@swimming.org by Friday 5th March 2010.

When will I know if I have been successful?

Successful applicants will be contacted within week commencing 8th March 2010.