



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

Nottinghamshire County Pitch Adviser Role

Nottinghamshire CCC are seeking an enthusiastic, knowledgeable and experienced grounds person who can support our existing County Pitch Advisor and provide support and advice to our recreational clubs to help them produce high quality playing surfaces for their members.

The Pitch Advisor is a casual paid role, you will be required to give advice over the phone or to visit grounds to carry out informal verbal reports with notes, short written reports or full PQS assessments.

Payments for this work are fixed and reflect the time spent to produce the reports and recommendations to the recreational clubs.

Training and support from the ECB Regional Pitch Advisor will be available to support this role as will support and advice from our existing County Pitch Advisor.

If you are interested in this role, please email mandy.wright@nottsccc.co.uk with an Expression of Interest outlining your experience and knowledge relating to the criteria in the County Pitch Advisor Role Profile.



THE COUNTY PITCH ADVISOR (CPA) Role Profile

Background

The establishment of the Pitch Advisory Scheme was a pioneering initiative by the ECB, and reflects the ECB's commitment to ground staff within the recreational and semi-professional spectrum, delivered via all county boards.

The original objective of the scheme was to identify and train a network of County Pitch Advisors (CPA) ensuring that each County Cricket Board (in this case Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club) are able to provide relevant technical advice and support to volunteer ground staff.

All CPA's must be able to assess Square/Outfield using a standard that is recognised nationally and conforms to nationally accepted criteria (GMA Performance Quality Standards).

All CPA's are to be trained to assess Square/Outfield to this standard, formalised through mentoring carried out via the Regional Pitch Advisor (RPA) scheme and training courses filling gaps in knowledge.

Purpose

The purpose of the scheme is to deliver the following:

- Promotion of minimum quality performance standards to develop pitches that are safe and provide encouragement to both bat and ball.
- Working with County Cricket Boards (in this case NCCC), in developing and delivering advice and support to all local ground staff.
- Provide a proactive response and service to clubs and leagues.
- Raise the profile for ground staff within cricket.
- Undertake the accurate assessment of cricket sites and to produce the appropriate reports and supporting documentation.

Role of County Pitch Advisor (CPA)

The role of a CPA is to:

1. To undertake Performance Quality Standards (PQS) assessments and/or detailed pitch assessments for square and/or outfield and the production of a detailed report and related documentation using approved templates.
2. To undertake basic advisory assessments including visual inspections and the production of short reports. All Reports must produce written outcomes
3. To maintain an activity log recording site visits, reports produced and any verbal reports/conversations.
4. To monitor the developments of any facilities on which recommendations are being implemented.
5. Respond to urgent issues that need advice – for example when a club must deal with an act of vandalism, flooding or a request from the league where a pitch has been reported as poor.
6. All enquires, and payment/reimbursement will be managed by NCCC, with copies of reports sent to NCCC initially for internal review and approval.
7. Promote and work within Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club facilities strategy.
8. Support initiatives being delivered by NCCC and/or the ECB to promote ground staff and improve the quality of playing surfaces including working with Leagues to develop knowledge and expertise.

Relevant Experience and Knowledge

County Pitch Advisors should meet the following criteria:

1. Be able to demonstrate that the relevant level of experience and expertise has been acquired as a full-time Ground staff and ideally attained at least a Level 3 standard or relevant industry qualification
2. Have a confident but open-minded personality and have good communication and listening skills.
3. The ability to use Microsoft Office and a strong knowledge of IT is essential together with the ability to produce detailed PQS related reports, capturing on site images, including them in reports and sending reports via email.
4. Able to commit to NCCC for an initial period of 5 years.
5. Happy to take up the appointment in the pursuance of supporting and advising grassroots local Ground staff and operating within NCCC structures and policies.
6. Capable and willing of giving practical demonstrations and presentations to ground staff on basic skills such as pitch preparation and end of season renovation.