

**JOB TITLE:** Head Coach

**RESPONSIBLE TO:** Heaton Mersey Tennis Club Committee

**LOCATION:** Stockport, Greater Manchester (Cheshire border)

**TYPE OF CONTRACT:** The successful candidate will be self-employed, under a consultancy agreement.

**HOURS:** Full-time (Hours of work to be agreed as required but will include evenings and weekends)  
Prospective earning potential of £40-£50K per annum.

**Heaton Mersey Tennis Club** forms part of the Heaton Sports Club (established in 2006) which also offers rugby, lacrosse and cricket. We currently have 200 active tennis section members; 140 adults and 60 juniors who have invested in the quality coaching provided and give this position great earning potential. There are four floodlit artificial grass courts with the top of the range "Advantage turf" funded through a Sport England, Inspired facility grant in 2012.

The club has a robust sinking fund in place and so will be able to cover the cost of a new surface when required.

The club has a very active social membership and prides itself on being an extremely friendly and welcoming place to play. Over the last 12 years, the club has also improved the performance of all its members, through the extensive Tennis Programme developed with the committee and delivered to an extremely high standard by the previous coaches.

In addition to the offer of individual lessons, the programme includes weekly group sessions for adult beginners, improvers and performance sessions for higher level team players. There are also several youth red, orange and green sessions each week as well as group sessions for the older junior girls and boys. We have great links with the local Primary School (opposite the club) and currently offer an after school club which provides great catchment for families and new members.

The evidence of the programme's effectiveness is clearly demonstrated through the massive success the Club has had over the last few years, with all the teams in both the Summer and Winter Leagues and through individual, junior and adult member performance in competitions.

From having only 8 members and 1 men's team in 2006, the club now has 4 adult men's teams in Div's 1, 5, 6 and 10 of the North East Cheshire Tennis League, 3 ladies teams in the Premiership, Div's 3 and 7 of the NECLTL. In addition, there are junior teams of all age groups in the JNECLTL, Cheshire and Lancashire Team Tennis leagues.

We are looking for a well organised, enthusiastic and committed Head Coach to maintain and develop the existing tennis programme for both junior and adult members and maintain the high level of performance and delivery achieved by the previous coaches, in line with the LTA's minimum standards set for the club's annual registration.

## Job Description

- Maintain, manage and promote the on court tennis programme alongside the tennis section committee
- Maintain quality school links
- Identify talented young players
- Deliver a programme of adult coaching opportunities
- Organise regular intra/inter competitive opportunities for adults
- Attend and contribute to tennis section committee meetings
- Work with the tennis committee to support completion of the LTA annual registration process and strict adherence to the LTA Safeguarding Standards.

## Person specification

- Person must be a qualified and LTA accredited minimum level 3 (preferably level 4) Club or Performance Coach
- Capable of delivering a high quality tennis programme
- Experience of working in partnership with a management committee and schools
- Organised with good IT skills
- Enthusiastic and highly motivated
- Excellent communicator/customer service skills
- Satisfactory DBS and a good understanding of Safeguarding Standards and practice.
- Experience of managing assistant coaches

For further details or information please contact:

Jenny Spencer on 07739 322017 or Carol Sheehan on 07982 234604

To apply please ***send a CV with a covering letter to evidence how you meet the person specification*** to:

Jenny Spencer, Heaton Mersey Tennis Club, C/O 14 Sutton Rd, Heaton Norris, Stockport SK4 2PW or email it to: [hmtennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:hmtennisclub@gmail.com) (please request evidence of receipt) at the latest by **Friday 25/10/24**

Any suitable candidates will then be invited to an interview that will involve a brief presentation and an on court coaching assessment.