



JOB DESCRIPTION

Assistant Groundsman



Responsible to: Head Groundsman

Hours: 37 hours per week, plus match and event days (including weekends and evenings)

Purpose of the Role

To assist the Grounds Team in maintaining and preparing the playing surface, and surrounding areas, to an excellent standard to ensure that all scheduled games and events go ahead as planned. To assist with grounds maintenance throughout the site.

Key Duties and Responsibilities

- 1 Ensure all relevant Company Policies, including Health & Safety, COSHH; are adhered to.
- 2 Ensure the playing surface, and the surrounding areas, are prepared correctly for fixtures and other events involving the use of the playing surface. This includes, but is not limited to:

Cutting/mowing to the correct height, depending on the event;
Line marking to the Governing Body's guidelines;
Erecting the appropriate goal posts, goal pads, corner flags, pitch markers etc
- 3 Use a variety of hand tools and portable power tools in the performance of the work; observing proper safety procedures and rules related to the use of tools and equipment and ensure any protective clothing and equipment issued is worn.
- 4 Ensure all equipment and machinery is cleaned after use, maintained to a high standard and securely stored when not in use. Ensure all machinery is regularly serviced and maintained to manufacturers recommendations.
- 5 Perform daily preventative maintenance on tools and equipment and report any defects to the Head Groundsman.
- 6 Maintain goals, dugouts and surrounding areas to a high standard at all times.
- 7 Keep the Groundsman's storage areas in a neat and tidy manner at all times.
- 8 Work closely with the Head Groundsman and establish good communication with site partners, in particular Huddersfield Town Football Club and Huddersfield Giants Rugby League Club.
- 9 In conjunction with the Head Groundsman, liaise with suppliers to ensure best products at the best price are sourced.

- 10 Present a professional approach when dealing with colleagues, site partners and external contractors.
- 11 To be vigilant and support all safety and security policies and procedures, in particular, ensuring all doors and gates are secure to prevent unauthorised entry into the Stadium.
- 12 In conjunction with the Head Groundsman, produce a schedule for the regular spraying of weeds and moss surrounding the pitch and generally throughout the Stadium site and ensure the appropriate chemicals are used.
- 13 Ensure all chemicals are stored following COSHH guidelines.
- 14 Be proficient in the use of a ProCore machine to verti-drain the playing surface as and when required.
- 15 To understand how the pitch irrigation and undersoil heating systems work and be proficient in their use and the programming of the systems.
- 16 Ensure all grass clippings and landscaping waste is disposed of in line with Company Policy and within legal guidelines.
- 17 To undertake such other duties, training and/or hours of work as may be reasonably required, and which are consistent with the general level of responsibility of this job.

Knowledge, Experience and Skills

- Work experience within a team environment is essential
- Working within a sporting environment is preferred but not essential
- Proficient in the use of various tools and equipment associated with ground maintenance is essential
- Working knowledge of COSHH regulations; Health & Safety At Work regulations and RIDDOR.
- Good organisation skills are essential, along with forward planning/scheduling
- Good timekeeping is essential as is flexibility around the needs of the business
- Must be physically fit to withstand the physical demands of the job and the working environment
- Positive attitude is essential
- Ability and willingness to work outside normal hours, including evenings and weekends

Qualifications

- A qualification in Landscaping / Ground Maintenance / Sports Turf Management is desirable, but not essential.
- Clean driving licence
- Certificate in the safe use of chemicals/pesticides desirable

This job description is not exhaustive. The post holder will be required to perform any other reasonable duties as required within the scope, spirit and purpose of the job, and the title of the post as required by their Line Manager.