

**Job Title**

Talent Academy – Assistant Coach

**Location**

Sports Training Village, University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath BA2 7AY

**Compensation**

Competitive and dependent on experience

**Start Date**

September 2026

## The Club

Team Bath Buccaneers Hockey Club is based at the University of Bath Sports Training Village (STV) in Claverton Down, Bath. The STV boasts impressive world-class sports facilities, with many gold medal Olympians training on-site. For hockey, we are fortunate to have two astroturf pitches.

TBBHC hosts an England Hockey Talent Academy for boys and girls aged 14 to 18, which aims to:

- Provide an exceptional talent development environment supporting the development of a phenomenal generation of players for international-level hockey.
- Provide year-round high-quality 'on-pitch' contact time for the highest potential boys and girls aged 14-18.
- Provide appropriate best vs best competition to further support player development within a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable environment.
- Provide holistic education for young players in line with the Complete Player Qualities that effectively prepares them for performance environments.

## The Role

TBBHC is seeking talented Assistant Coaches who can work with the TA Head Coach and Lead Coaches in creating and delivering an intensive, performance-focused training environment with a healthy talent development culture that puts players at the centre and prioritises their development.

### Key Responsibilities

- Deliver Talent Academy training sessions and matchdays (around 90-100 hours per year, mostly Friday evenings with occasional Sundays) and attend the End of Cycle Event in Nottingham at the end of July as directed by the TA Head Coach.
- Support the planning of pitch sessions that are focused on applying the Complete Player Qualities and developing players' Hockey IQ (game understanding and highly skilled actions) as outlined in the Talent System Framework.
- Work with the Goalkeeping Lead Coach to ensure that Goalkeeper needs are fully met and effectively integrated into the sessions.
- Ensure players are supported in taking responsibility for their individual development through creating Individual Development Plans, providing regular feedback and reviewing progress at set points in the cycle.
- Use video analysis to support player development.
- Work with the TA Head Coach and TA Lead Coaches to manage the transition of players into and out of the Talent Academy environment as appropriate, especially during the trials phase regarding initial selection.
- In an intense training and competition environment, prioritise player development and player welfare over any competition result.
- Assistant Coaches are expected to demonstrate safeguarding principles and be aware of the player's needs. They should also have an awareness of the mental health and well-being of the players in their team.
- Ensure any player welfare concerns are written and reported promptly and efficiently per England Hockey Safeguarding Policy and Procedures to the Talent Academy Welfare Officer and England Hockey, if necessary.



## Other Duties

- Attend the Talent Academy induction and any necessary support workshops throughout the cycle.
- Commit to personal growth and development by attending regional/national CPD events.
- As a coaching team, encourage contact with club and school environments which your players attend regularly, building relationships to facilitate player-centred discussions

## Personal Specification

### Essential Qualities

- Self-motivated and inspiring coach who can deliver exceptional development experiences by applying Healthy Talent Development Principles and Complete Player Qualities in a talent development environment to our high-potential young hockey players.
- Outstanding technical knowledge of individual and team principles, including techniques, tactics and coaching trends and ability to apply the demands of performance hockey within a talent development environment.
- Evidence of creating an outstanding training environment using effective practice design and coaching craft to develop highly skilled and creative players.
- Strong communicator; accurately disseminating information using various methods.
- Collaborative individual who can work with the other coaches to ensure a consistent and high-level developmental environment for all players.
- Ability to exercise sound judgement, observe confidentiality and use discretion and initiative.
- Evidence of a commitment to continuous personal development and an understanding of how to apply the Complete Player Qualities within their coaching philosophy
- Efficient and organised, with a strong awareness of self and self-regulation and the ability to meet competing demands through effective time management. Commitment to all Talent Academy dates within reason.
- Strong understanding of the overall technical, tactical, physical, and mental programme for the playing group in training and competition settings.
- Understanding of junior athletes' safeguarding requirements and mental well-being in a talent environment.

### Desirable Qualities

- A track record of effective talent identification and selection.
- England Hockey Level 1 Qualification or equivalent.
- UK Coaching Safeguarding and Protecting Children Certificate.

## Special Conditions

- This is a part-time self-employed role.
- You will also be required to work flexibly, including Friday evenings when the TA takes place.
- This role is subject to a satisfactory enhanced DBS check.

**To apply or for more information, please email Christian Moody, Talent Academy Head Coach: [cdtm20@bath.ac.uk](mailto:cdtm20@bath.ac.uk)**  
**Please provide an up-to-date CV and a cover letter expressing your interest and detailing your skills, attributes and experience that supports your application.**

**Application Closing Date: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

**We reserve the right to close this vacancy if we receive sufficient suitable applications.**