

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SUMMARY

Oxford Judo is seeking a dedicated and experienced Head Coach to oversee its membership. The coach must possess a passion for teaching judo to beginners and for guiding athletes up to national and occasionally international levels.

Responsibilities

The Head Coach will be responsible for designing and implementing a coaching program, coordinating beginner sessions, and catering to the needs of junior to veteran members. Emphasis on competition is vital, given the club's involvement in the British University Championships, the annual Varsity match, and local and regional competitions. The coach will collaborate with existing volunteer coaches, providing leadership and fostering a competitive and supportive environment.

The position of Head Coach at Oxford Judo is an exciting opportunity on a self-employed consultancy basis. The contract is for one year, with possibility of extension. Remuneration for the role, as well as the structure of said remuneration, is negotiable.

Expression of Interest Process

For enquiries and expressions of interest in connection with the role of Oxford Judo Head Coach please send your judo/coaching CV and a very short statement of intent, including vision/ideas for the club, by email to judo.club@sport.ox.ac.uk.

About

Oxford Judo is a federation of judo clubs from Oxford. The Oxford University Judo Club (OUJC), dedicated to Oxford University students, functions in conjunction with the Oxford City Judo Club (OCJC), which aggregates non-student judokas with nonetheless close ties to the University. Together, Oxford Judo (as the partnership is known) numbers 50+ active members.

The OUJC has a long and rich history, being one of the first judo clubs established at a British university back in 1926. The club has a permanent dojo since the mid-1960s, and is a Discretionary Full-Blue sport since 1969. The Judo Varsity match between Oxford and Cambridge Judo has taken place every year since 1930. Today, the club caters to both beginners and advanced, junior to veteran, judokas and is a major player at national university competitions, occasionally qualifying to international contests.

The OCJC, officially founded in 2005, continues judo's legacy within the city of Oxford, as well as the deep relationship between the local community and the OUJC, dating back to the very beginning of the university club. The two clubs share facilities at the Iffley Road Sports Centre Dojo.

Oxford Judo enjoys warm ties to other British university judo clubs as well as some Japanese universities, with visits between clubs regularly taking place.

Summary of the Role

- Conduct a minimum number of coaching sessions weekly throughout most of the year, to be determined jointly with the Head Coach candidate.
- Create and manage training schedules and coach deployment for terms and holidays.
- Develop an annual training plan, including competition, grading, and beginner's course phases.
- Organize and conduct regular gradings, recording them with the BJA when required.

Key Requirements

- BJA Level 2 qualified coach with experience.
- Proficient in coaching diverse skill levels and age groups, from beginners to national athletes and juniors to veterans.
- Capable of managing and developing less experienced coaches.
- Knowledgeable about injury risk management, prevention, player injuries, weight management, and player psychology.

Desirable

- BJA Level 3 qualified coach with extensive experience.
- Prior coaching of national and international level athletes.
- Previous association with Oxford Judo in any capacity.
- Experience as a head coach or managing coaching teams.
- Familiarity with BJA club management and record-keeping requirements (supported by a committee).