

U26 Squad Leader Job Description

Major Task List:

- Managing entire group of U26 squad members - including being open and available for communication at most times
- Managing squad budget and expenses, if delegated by the Selection Committee
- Managing squad player contracts
- Nominating selections for international events to selection committee
- Providing regular reports to the selection committee on squad activities and player development
- Organising training weekends and on-line training
- Managing squad national tournament entries, including arranging Premier League teams
- Maintaining awareness of all junior results (national and international) and identifying new potential junior squad players

Other possible tasks:

- NPCing team at international events - not expected to NPC every event and can delegate this to experienced captains as nominated by the selection committee.
- Team coaching. The candidate is not necessarily expected to perform the coaching themselves. It is possible to arrange volunteer high-profile coaches for training sessions and international events. The candidate should consider delegating this task unless they are a (near) international standard player.
- Figurehead for junior development. As a high-profile figure in the junior game, the candidate should consider how best they can use their profile for the wider good of junior development at all levels.
- Assisting the development of wider junior programs.

Ideally the candidate should be a self-organised, motivated individual with good communication skills who is comfortable managing a large group of young people. It is not necessary for them to be a high-standard player if they have the necessary managerial skills, however they should be sufficiently advanced to be able to judge the ability of high-quality players.

The EBU is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all squad leaders and junior coaches to share this commitment. Although primarily working with adults, this position is subject to enhanced DBS disclosure due to the position of trust that the candidate is in when accompanying a range of junior squads to national and international events, and training weekends. The candidate should also be willing to undertake relevant safeguarding training

The outgoing squad leader may be available to help manage the transition to the successful candidate.