

U26W Squad Leader Job Description

Major Task List:

- Managing entire group of U26W 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, in collaboration with age-group Squad Leaders.
- Collaborating with age-group Squad Leaders to monitor the development of female players.
- Striking a balance between giving opportunities to play international bridge to suitable players, and avoiding steering them away from age-group teams. Note that players with multiple eligibility can choose which team they most want to play for.
- Nominating selections for international events to the Selection Committee.
- Providing regular reports to the Selection Committee on squad activities and player development.
- Organising on-line practice, and collaborating with age-group Squad Leaders on training weekends and online training.
- Managing squad national tournament entries.
- Maintaining awareness of all junior results (national and international) and identifying new potential junior squad players.

Other possible tasks:

- Captaining the U26W team at international events. But not expected to be non-playing captain at every event: suitable captains can be nominated by the Selection Committee.
- Team coaching when preparing for international events. The candidate may perform some coaching themselves, and should also arrange volunteer expert coaches.
- 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. Their bridge skills should be sufficiently advanced for them to be able to judge the standard and 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. The Squad Leader will be in a position of trust at training weekends and when accompanying junior teams to national and international events, and is subject to enhanced DBS disclosure. The candidate should be willing also to undertake relevant safeguarding training.

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

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