# Cambridge Dons Goalball Club – Lead Coach

We are offering the opportunity to coach one of the largest goalball clubs in the country.

* We foster grassroots talent with three of our members going on to represent their national teams.
* Our training sessions allow people to take part in a team sport who may not otherwise have had the chance.
* Based in Cambridge (Cherry Hinton), we are a warm and welcoming community sports club, open to all ages.
* We pride ourselves in bringing people together and benefiting them socially and mentally, as much as physically and competitively.

In order to take our club to the next level, we will be hiring a paid coach who can provide us with technical feedback on how to improve our game and ensure we perform better at tournaments.

**What will the coach be doing?**

* Taking a leadership role in training sessions.
* Working alongside the committee to develop training plans.
* Coaching at Goalball UK tournaments.
* Where available, and when necessary, attending development courses and Goalball UK classes.
* Supporting club volunteers into coaching and officiating roles.

**What skills and experience does the coach need?**

* A sports coaching qualification.
* Experience in sports coaching.
* Experience with supporting and developing volunteers.
* Excellent communication skills.
* Engaged listening skills.
* Good organisation and time management.
* An understanding of issues affecting blind and partially sighted people (desirable).

Please note that a DBS check and safeguarding training will be required.

**What will the coach gain from the role?**

* An ability to adapt coaching skills to a disability sport setting.
* Expertise in supporting and developing disabled talent.
* Top-notch communications skills in a disabled sphere.
* A greater understanding of visual impairment.
* To make a genuine difference to peoples’ lives.
* To be an integral part of a friendly and inclusive community sports club.

**What support will the coach receive?**

* Induction into our club.
* Training as appropriate with support from Goalball UK (NGB).
* Supervision and support from the club committee.
* Appropriate expenses (including travel, overnight stays, and training costs).
* Coaching fee of £15 – £20 per hour depending on experience and a day rate for tournaments to be agreed.

**Time commitment**

* Two Saturdays per month, 11.00 – 15:00 (specific hours subject to venue availability).
* Fifteen tournaments between September – July. These tournaments typically take place on Saturdays with several two-day weekend tournaments. Locations vary, but given well in advance to allow for planning.

**How to apply**

Please send a copy of your CV and a supporting statement explaining how you have the skills and experience noted in this section of this profile to the following email address).

[Cambridge.dons@gmail.com](mailto:Cambridge.dons@gmail.com)

Contact us via the above email address if you have any questions or wish to watch a training session before applying for the role. We look forward to hearing from you.

For more information on our goalball club, please find us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/cambridgedonsgoalballclub/>) and Twitter (@CambridgeDons).

**What is Goalball?**

Goalball is a fun, fast Paralympic team sport played by blind and partially sighted people, though fully sighted people can and do play it domestically in the UK. Two teams of three play on an indoor court the size of a volleyball court. Each team takes it in turns to throw a ball across the floor to score in the opposition’s goal. The goals stretch the full width of the court, all the players wear shades, putting all players on the same level in terms of sight, and the balls have bells in them. When your team have the ball, you are the attacking team and when you don’t have the ball you are the defending team.

For more information on goalball, please watch this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bZ51jzmbAQ>