



## RYDE SCHOOL JOB DESCRIPTION

**ROLE:** Head of Hockey

**START DATE:** 01/09/2025

**LINE MANAGER:** Director of Sport

The Head of Hockey works closely with the Director of Sport in delivering the Hockey provision at the School. The post holder reports to the Director of Sport. From time to time it might be necessary to alter the job description below in consultation with the post holder and the Head Master.

**ROLE SUMMARY:** *The Head of Hockey has overall responsibility for leading and devising the School's Hockey Strategy. This is done through working closely with relevant stakeholders in the School with the overall aim of making hockey the best it can be with the resources available.*

### **SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:**

#### Curriculum Development

- To create and lead a hockey programme for pupils in Year 3 - 13 that can be delivered to enhance participation and standards across the whole school
- To be responsible for supporting Pre-Prep and Prep School Heads of Sport in curriculum development in relation to hockey.
- To consider relevant curricular developments in youth hockey and apply these appropriately to the evolution of the hockey programme.

#### Pupil Development

- To ensure clear guidance for pupils and parents in hockey, regarding fixtures, lessons, training and selection. Develop and foster a culture of willingness to support each other, officials and the school.
- To keep abreast of developments within youth hockey including how other organisations are currently working and signposting player pathways.
- To create and develop opportunities for small group sessions, for the improvement of high-performance players and school teams.
- To maintain the progress made with the schools hockey programme, with particular focus on our overall fixture and training programme with a focus on improving participation rates and performance for boys and girls at the school.
- To work with the Director of Sport to develop sports tour opportunities for hockey providing memorable and competitive experiences for our pupils.

#### Staff Development

- To devise and present to colleagues a clear vision of the way hockey should be played at Ryde School with Upper Chine.
- To ensure all colleagues understand the agreed aims and objectives for the development of hockey and work to promote our ethos and values to pupils, parents and fellow colleagues.
- To work with the Director of Sport to oversee hockey staffing for teams, sports afternoons, fixtures and practices to ensure the smooth operation of curricular and extra-curricular programmes.
- To oversee session plan design, supporting colleagues with recent developments in coaching and officiating.
- To develop coaching skills among the colleagues who form the hockey coaching team



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#### Competition

- To liaise with the Director of Sport to develop a progressive and challenging fixture programme for boys and girls which will form a major pillar of the long-term strategy for hockey.
- To provide appropriate and competitive opportunities for midweek and weekend fixtures for boys and girls at a range of ability levels. Including county and school tournaments and cups that we feel are age and ability appropriate.
- To plan for and implement effective pre-season training and coaching for pupils.
- To retain oversight of pupil opportunities, at all levels of ability for both inter and intra-school hockey.
- To foster effective relationships with key organisations to ensure Ryde School with Upper Chine is abreast of any new developments and opportunities.
- To organise Inter-House Competitions where appropriate.

#### Management

- To maintain an oversight of all logistics associated with hockey, working closely with the Head Groundsman, External bookings, Catering, Transport and staff coaches.
- To liaise with the PE administrator regarding transport including minibuses, hover and ferry use.
- To ensure all colleagues and coaches are on top of all administration attaining important pupil information, for groups in their care.
- To draft and update risk assessments with the Director of Sport and ensure lessons and sessions are taught/coached in a safe environment, taking into account the individual needs of pupils.
- To produce a weekly curricular overview from which staff can refer to in terms of training, fixtures and after school opportunities.

**GENERAL NOTE:** Job description cannot be prescriptive. The essential ingredient for the job is to work in a professional manner at all times; making sure it is the children who lie at the heart of what we do.