



Community Coaching Industrial Placement

Location: DPD Stadium at Franklin's Gardens, Northampton

Department: Community

Reporting to: Women's and Girls Rugby Development Officer

Placement dates: July 2027 to May 2028

Eligibility: The placement must form a required part of the applicant's UK-based degree course

"Begin your coaching career with Northampton Saints"

Are you enthusiastic about coaching and passionate about helping people experience the benefits of sport and physical activity?

Northampton Saints is offering an exciting opportunity for an undergraduate student to gain practical coaching and programme-delivery experience within the Club's Community team.

During the placement, you will gain insight into the day-to-day operation of a professional sports community department. You will support core programmes delivered in schools, on camps and across the wider community, while also contributing to match-day activities at DPD Stadium at Franklin's Gardens.

You will have opportunities to work with participants of different ages and abilities in mainstream and specialist settings. You may also gain coaching qualifications and develop experience of planning, managing and delivering your own projects or events.

This opportunity would suit someone who is confident working with people, keen to learn from experienced coaches and interested in developing a career in community sport, rugby development, physical education or sports coaching.

What you will learn and experience:

As an active member of the Community team, you will contribute to its day-to-day delivery and operations rather than simply observing. You will gain genuine, hands-on experience across the team's programmes, match-day activity and supporting work, including opportunities to:

- Support the practical planning and delivery of community programmes at DPD Stadium at Franklin's Gardens, in schools and across the wider region. Working alongside experienced coaches, you will help prepare sessions, engage participants of different ages and abilities, and build your coaching approach in both mainstream and specialist settings.
- Play an active role in the Community team's day-to-day operations by supporting programme administration, maintaining positive relationships with schools, participants and other stakeholders, and helping to promote activities, manage social-media content and deliver the team's marketing plan.
- Contribute to community match-day programmes and activations at Northampton Saints and Loughborough Lightning home fixtures. This may include engaging community groups, supporting ticket sales and helping the team deliver a welcoming and well-organised participant experience.
- Take increasing responsibility for practical projects and events, from initial planning through to delivery and review. Where suitable opportunities are available, you may also work towards



relevant coaching qualifications, giving you tangible experience and development to support your future career.

What we are looking for:

You do not need to begin the placement with extensive professional coaching experience. We are looking for someone who is enthusiastic, dependable and committed to developing as a coach.

You should:

- Be studying an undergraduate degree in Sports Coaching and Management, Sports Coaching and PE, Sport and Exercise Science, or another relevant subject
- Have a placement year that is a required part of your UK-based degree course.
- Have a genuine interest in community sport, coaching and participant development.
- Be an effective team member with the flexibility and willingness to support a variety of activities.
- Be confident speaking to and engaging with large groups.
- Have a strong desire to learn from other coaches and practitioners and use their feedback to develop your own skills.
- Communicate clearly and build positive relationships with participants, colleagues and stakeholders.
- Have strong time-management and interpersonal skills.
- Be able to work independently when required.
- Be willing to support community activity on match days and at events.
- Be able to obtain a clear DBS check appropriate to the role.

A full driving licence and the ability to travel would be desirable but are not essential.

What you will gain:

This placement will help you turn your university learning into credible professional experience and prepare for the next stage of your career. By completing the placement, you will:

- Build a strong evidence base for future applications and interviews, with practical examples that demonstrate your contribution within a professional sports organisation.
- Develop greater confidence, professional judgement and self-awareness through sustained responsibility, feedback from experienced practitioners and reflection on your own performance.
- Strengthen transferable skills valued across community sport, coaching, rugby development and physical education, including communication, organisation, teamwork, adaptability and relationship management.
- Gain a clearer understanding of your career interests and next steps, supported by experience of professional standards, workplace expectations and the wider impact of community sport.

Placement arrangements and eligibility:

This is an unpaid educational placement running from Jul 2027 to May 2028. Reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the Club's agreed expenses arrangements.

To be eligible, applicants must:

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- Be enrolled on a UK-based undergraduate degree course
- Have an industrial placement or placement year as a required part of their course
- Obtain confirmation and approval for the placement from their university
- Remain registered as a student throughout the placement
- Be available for the full placement period

Application Details:

Please complete our online application form here: <https://yq0lvkhcoir.typeform.com/to/ere32szQ>

Closing date: 9th November 2026 (the opportunity may close earlier if a high volume of applications is received).