



Community Commercial Industrial Placement

Location: DPD Stadium at Franklin's Gardens, Northampton

Department: Community

Reporting to: Community Commercial Manager

Placement dates: July 2027 to May 2028

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

“Build commercial experience. Power community impact.”

Are you organised, confident working with people and passionate about the positive impact sport can have in local communities?

Northampton Saints is offering an exciting opportunity for an undergraduate student to gain practical 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 the promotion, planning and delivery of programmes 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 people of different ages and abilities in both mainstream and specialist settings. You may also gain coaching qualifications and develop experience of managing and delivering your own projects or events.

This placement would suit someone who enjoys bringing people and projects together and is interested in developing a career in community sport, sports development, programme delivery, events or sports management.

What you will learn and experience:

Working alongside the Community Commercial Manager and wider Community team, you will take on day-to-day responsibilities that fully support the development, promotion and delivery of our community programmes across the region. Your experience will include:

- Support the day-to-day development, promotion, planning, administration and delivery of community programmes at DPD Stadium at Franklin's Gardens and across the wider region, helping activities to run effectively and responding to the practical requirements of the team.
- Support the promotion, sales, planning and delivery of community match-day programmes and activations at Northampton Saints and Loughborough Lightning home fixtures, including processing ticket sales for community groups and helping to create a positive experience for participants.
- Contribute to the delivery of the Community team's marketing plan by helping to manage its social-media channels, create and share programme content, and promote opportunities to schools, community groups and participants across the region.
- Build and maintain positive relationships with schools, community groups, participants and other key stakeholders, while supporting inclusive activities for people of different ages and abilities in both mainstream and specialist settings.



- Take responsibility for agreed projects or events from planning through to delivery and evaluation, developing practical project-management experience and, where suitable opportunities are available, working towards relevant coaching qualifications.

What we are looking for:

You do not need to begin the placement with extensive professional experience. We are looking for someone who is enthusiastic, dependable and ready to learn.

You should:

- Be studying an undergraduate degree in Sport, Sports Management, 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, programme delivery and engaging people through sport.
- Be an effective team member with the flexibility and willingness to support a variety of activities.
- Be comfortable speaking to and engaging with large groups of people.
- Have strong administrative and organisational skills.
- Demonstrate a high level of accuracy and attention to detail.
- Have a good working knowledge of Word, Excel and Outlook.
- Communicate clearly and build positive relationships with participants, colleagues and external stakeholders.
- Have strong time-management and interpersonal skills.
- Be comfortable working independently when required.
- Be willing to support community activities on match days and at events.
- Be able to undertake a DBS check appropriate to the placement.

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 translate your academic learning into workplace experience and build transferable skills that will support your future career. You will have the opportunity to:

- Develop adaptable planning and project-management skills by setting priorities, coordinating tasks, managing deadlines and reviewing outcomes in a busy professional environment.
- Strengthen your written and verbal communication by tailoring information for colleagues, participants, schools and external stakeholders, while building confidence in presenting ideas and engaging groups.
- Build relationship-management and teamwork skills through collaborating with different people, listening to their needs and contributing positively to shared objectives.
- Improve your organisation, accuracy and professional judgement by handling information responsibly, using workplace systems and responding constructively when priorities or circumstances change.
- Develop initiative, problem-solving and personal accountability by taking ownership of agreed work, identifying practical solutions and reflecting on feedback to improve your approach.
- Gain a clearer understanding of your strengths, interests and career options, supported by evidence and examples you can draw on in future applications and interviews across sport, events, programme delivery and other sectors.



Placement arrangements and eligibility:

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

To be eligible, applicants must:

- 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/YqF8Giw4>

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