



Operations Industrial Placement

Location: DPD Stadium at Franklin's Gardens, Northampton

Department: Operations

Reporting to: Head of Operations

Placement dates: September 2027 to June 2028

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

“Develop your skills while playing your part in bringing unforgettable Saints matchdays and events to life”

Are you organised, proactive and interested in what it takes to operate a leading multi-use sporting venue?

Northampton Saints is offering an exciting opportunity for an undergraduate student to gain practical experience within the Club's Operations team through a one-year industrial placement.

Based at the DPD Stadium at Franklin's Gardens, you will help the team deliver matches and events while contributing to the quality and safety of the venue. You will work with colleagues across the Club, gain an understanding of event and venue operations and see how detailed planning supports memorable experiences for visitors.

You will combine practical event support with administration, research and data analysis. You will also have opportunities to suggest improvements that could reduce costs, strengthen health and safety or improve the customer experience.

This opportunity would suit someone who enjoys solving problems, working with different people and turning plans into action, and who is interested in developing a career in venue operations, events, sports management or facilities management.

What you will learn and experience

Working with the Head of Operations and the wider Operations team, you will have the opportunity to:

- Contribute to the successful delivery of matches and events, working across the Club to maintain high operational standards and effective communication before, during and after each event.
- Support colleagues to understand and prepare for the operational impact of venue activity on their areas.
- Maintain accurate operational administration, including contractor health and safety records and the collation, organisation and presentation of information using Excel.
- Identify, research and present opportunities to strengthen stadium infrastructure, reduce costs, improve health and safety and enhance the customer experience.
- Engage in relevant meetings and briefings to build a strong understanding of the day-to-day operation of a multi-use sporting venue.

What we are looking for

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You do not need to begin the placement with extensive experience in event or venue operations. We are looking for someone who is motivated, organised and ready to learn.

You should:

- Be studying an undergraduate degree, ideally in Sports Management, Events, Business or another relevant subject.
- Have a placement year that is a required part of your UK-based degree course.
- Have a genuine interest in event, venue or operations management within an elite sporting environment.
- Be highly motivated and organised.
- Be interested in understanding how a leading multi-use sporting venue operates.
- Communicate clearly and professionally, both verbally and in writing.
- Be able to engage positively with a wide range of stakeholders.
- Have some awareness of commercial business.
- Be IT literate and confident using Excel to collate, organise and present data.
- Be willing to contribute to different activities and work collaboratively with colleagues across the Club.
- Be prepared to support scheduled matches and events, which may include evenings and weekends.

What you will gain

This placement provides an opportunity to:

- Apply academic learning in a professional sports environment, gaining practical insight that can inform your remaining studies and future projects.
- Strengthen transferable skills in planning, organisation, communication and collaboration by working with colleagues, contractors and stakeholders across the Club.
- Develop confidence in analysing information, solving problems and presenting clear, evidence-based recommendations.
- Build practical capability in data management, administration and the use of Excel to organise and communicate information effectively.
- Gain experience of working safely and effectively in a fast-paced, customer-focused environment, including managing competing priorities around matches and events.
- Develop a stronger understanding of your interests, strengths and potential career pathways, supported by experience that can enhance future applications for graduate roles in operations, events, sport, facilities and wider business functions.

Additional paid casual-work opportunities:

From time to time, separate paid casual vacancies may be available within the Club, including match-day and retail store roles.

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Placement students may apply for suitable vacancies where available, but casual employment is not guaranteed and would be subject to a separate application, selection and contractual process. Any hours worked in a paid casual role would be separate from the university placement.

Placement arrangements and eligibility

This is an unpaid educational placement running from **September 2027 to June 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/mwDnI251>

Closing date: 9th November 2026

The opportunity may close earlier if a high volume of applications is received.