

## **PITCH PROTECTION SECURITY**

**Casual/flexible hours**

**Includes some evening and weekend working**

**Competitive hourly rates + benefits and training**

We're excited to announce that an opportunity has arisen for a group of individuals to form our specialist Pitch Protection Team at Lancashire Cricket / Emirates Old Trafford.

This is a critical role where you'll be part of an exceptional and dedicated team that ensures the pitch, players and umpires are always safe. We aim to be 'best in class' in this department in the world of cricket and, as a result, we will ensure that all our staff undergo comprehensive pitch encroachment training, restraint training and intervention drills.

Whilst we're ideally looking for somebody who has experience in a similar position, we would welcome applications from candidates from any background who are confident they can demonstrate that they have the experience required and are capable of successfully carrying out the restraint and intervention elements of the role.

An existing SIA qualification is desirable however we will provide some support to candidates with the right experience to obtain the qualification. You **MUST** have completed the training and have obtained the qualification before the first fixture.

As part of a small and newly restructured stadium safety team you will play an important role in the way that health and safety is managed and implemented throughout the Club.

As this role is related to our safety certificate, applicants must be 18 years or older.

You will be working at Emirates Old Trafford (the home of Lancashire Cricket) which has played host to some of cricket's most iconic moments since 1864 and is now an award-winning world-class venue that has undergone a transformational redevelopment over the last decade.

It is recognised as one of the UK's most prestigious venues for sport, business, leisure and entertainment with a capacity of up to 50,000 people for concerts; 26,000 for international cricket matches; meetings and events spaces for up to 2,000 delegates; a four-star hotel with 150 rooms; and an on-site Caffè Nero.

The venue has played host to some of the world's biggest sporting events, including six ICC Cricket World Cup fixtures in 2019, Ashes Test Matches and world class concerts including Ariana Grande's 'One Love Manchester' concert as well as others by Beyonce, Rihanna, Foo Fighters and more.

It's a unique place to build a career where no two days are ever the same!

### **The Role and Responsibilities**

As a Pitch Protection Security team member, you will be an integral part of the stadium safety team and be responsible, alongside the Stadium Safety Officer & Deputy Safety Officer, for the safety of spectators, players & officials

Your role as Pitch Protection Guard will be diverse, exciting and challenging and will include, but by no means be limited to, the following:

- Preventing access to the playing area by any person not authorised to enter the playing area whether matchday staff, press or spectators
- Responding immediately to any such incursions and assisting the rest of the Pitch Response Team and Police to remove the offender(s) and protect players and match officials, using the minimum of force required in the circumstances in line with the club intervention policy
- Monitoring the crowd for signs of attempts to enter the playing area
- Being fully familiar with the offences of Racist Chanting, Entering Playing Area and Throwing of Missiles
- Working as part of the stewarding team to deliver a safe event
- Ensuring spectator compliance with stadium (Ground) regulations
- Preventing overcrowding
- Preventing and respond to incidents of disorder
- Being visible and accessible to spectators who may need any kind of assistance

#### Requirements

To be considered for this position it essential that you have the following:

- A personal commitment to spectator safety and a desire to deliver a safe event
- An existing SIA qualification or the willingness to achieve the qualification prior to commencing employment
- The ability to effectively carry out restraint and intervention techniques
- Demonstrable experience in a similar role or a role that has associated responsibilities
- Excellent communication skills
- An ability to remain calm in challenging circumstances
- An ability to produce clear well written incident reports
- A high-level of observational skills when monitoring the crowd
- The ability to concentrate and remain focused for prolonged periods of time

#### What you can expect

- Flexible working to fit around your other commitments
- Free meals when working longer shifts
- Holiday pay
- Uniform
- Full training

#### How to Apply

If you have the relevant skills and experience and wish to apply for this role, then please send your CV to [careers@lancashirecricket.co.uk](mailto:careers@lancashirecricket.co.uk).

There is no closing date for this position, however we are looking for successful candidates to be available to work from now and will stop accepting applications once the required number of Pitch Protection staff have been recruited.

*We look forward to hearing from you if you have skills that support our future vision. Lancashire Cricket is an equal opportunities organisation, and we are committed to providing new opportunities and striving for greater diversity.*



*It is a priority for Lancashire Cricket to ensure our Club appropriately reflects the wider communities across the North West and as we strive to meet Sport England Guidance in this regard, we would welcome applications from individuals with the appropriate skills and experience that can also enhance our current diversity mix at the Club.*