



Leon Paul Project

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Full-time Sabre Coach wanted

The Leon Paul Project seeks a full-time sabre coach to join its existing High Performance team.

Based at the Leon Paul Centre in Northwest London, the sabre coach will work with the Lead Sabre Coach and Head of Performance, Jon Salfield, to deliver and develop a comprehensive training programme for national and international sabreurs. The coach will also be responsible for a newly established youth school performance programme, and for development of younger fencers to feed into the junior and senior training programme.

The Leon Paul Project is dedicated to delivering long-term world-class results, with daily training sessions, S&C and physio support, with a group of committed athletes already competing at national and international level.

The Project is based at the state of the art facilities of the Leon Paul Centre, with 24 permanent training pistes, an on-site gym, physio clinic and dedicated coaches' offices, as well as the Leon Paul Pro shop.

The successful candidate will display

- excellent technical and tactical sabre coaching skills
- a track record of competitive success
- the ability to inspire and develop young fencers
- strong work and team ethic, and integrity of character
- excellent communication skills, with a good command of English
- an ambitious, creative, and adaptable approach to coaching
- experience of wheelchair coaching desirable but not essential

The successful candidate will benefit from an excellent working environment, access to the Leon Paul gym, a competitive salary, bonus scheme, and statutory paid holidays. Leon Paul coaching equipment will be provided.

Applications via email to js@leonpaul.com with CV and covering letter.

Deadline for applications: 5pm Monday 22nd November 2021.

Job Description

Job Title:	Sabre Coach – Leon Paul Project
Location(s):	Leon Paul Fencing Centre
Role Objective:	
<p>Reporting to the Head of Performance/Lead Sabre Coach, the Leon Paul Project (LPP) Sabre Coach will assist the LPP Lead Sabre Coach in the development and delivery of the Leon Paul Project sabre programme. In addition, the LPP Sabre Coach will work with the Lead Sabre Coach to develop a pipeline of World-class potential youth, cadet, and junior sabre fencers to feed into the senior programme.</p> <p>The LPP is a new comprehensive High Performance Programme, founded by Leon Paul Fencing, and the sabre group already has a membership of 22, with many of the UK's senior and junior team training 4-6 times per week at the Leon Paul Centre.</p> <p>This is an exciting new role, with scope for future growth, and success at the highest level.</p> <p>The role is full-time employed, with statutory paid holidays, sick pay, access to the Leon Paul gym, and provision of specialist coaching equipment.</p>	
Key Responsibilities: (list key tasks, responsibilities, deliverables etc.)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering training sessions and camps Planning and liaison with the Lead Sabre Coach, the ability to deliver a range of physical warm-up and cool down exercises, technical and tactical footwork sessions, technical and tactical fencing exercises and scenarios, and to manage a large group of accomplished sabre fencers who compete at all levels from junior domestic to senior World Championships • Delivering one-to-one lessons Experience of coaching to a high level, with strong fundamental technique and an understanding of international sabre tactics. The ability to adapt to the style of fencing required by the Lead Sabre Coach, whilst maintaining a creative approach to training • Delivery of school, youth, and development training As part of the role's objective in developing a pipeline of youth, cadet and junior fencers, the role will require the ability to deliver safe, engaging and effective school and youth training sessions. A key requirement will be establishing fundamental technical and tactical skills and instilling a love of the game in new fencers. The successful candidate will lead a school performance programme, as well as delivering development training sessions at the Leon Paul Centre • Competition coaching The sabre coach will attend domestic and international competitions to support the LPP fencers, and must have a strong piste-side presence, the ability to communicate tactical ideas clearly and concisely, and a professional demeanour. 	

- **Planning and administration**

The coach will assist the Head of Performance and S&C Lead Coach in planning the fencers' seasons, logistical and event planning for competitions and training camps, and other administration tasks as required.

Knowledge, Skills & Experience:

- A strong background and proven track record in sabre coaching, with ambition to achieve high-level results and develop athletes over a long period of time
- A sophisticated understanding of sabre tactics and international trends, and a track record of delivering lessons and training to at least national level
- Ability to deliver one-to-one lessons which address the individual needs of a range of fencers
- Ability to work as part of a team, and a strong work ethic
- Highly motivated with a positive attitude
- Good communication skills and able to exercise both diplomacy and be assertive when required. Ability to communicate in English
- Ability to work independently, multi-task and exercise good judgement at all times
- Computer literate, with understanding of Microsoft Office software (especially Word and Excel)
- Preferably, experience of delivering wheelchair coaching and training. Training can be provided in this area

Educational Qualifications:

Minimum academic level required:

None required

Ideal academic level preferred:

None required

Professional Qualifications:

Minimum Level 2 British Fencing coaching qualification or overseas equivalent

Mobility Requirements:

Must hold a full driving license

Additional Specifications / Comments:

This job description is not intended to be an exhaustive list of duties to be performed by the employee. This job description may be altered to reflect the needs of the Leon Paul Project and the company as a whole

Salary Range & Additional Benefits:

£28,000-£32,000 plus bonus scheme