



Interim Head Coach – Munster Reds **(Munster Cricket Union Senior Men's Team)**

Cricket Ireland is the governing body for the game at both performance and participation levels throughout Ireland, representing the interests of both the men's and women's game. The future of Irish Cricket is incredibly bright following the performance of the Men's Senior XI in the past eight ICC World Cup events and significant wins against Full Member countries over that period.

In 2012 Cricket Ireland launched a senior men's Inter-Provincial competition structure of 3-day, one-day and Twenty20 cricket, and now sponsored by Hanley Energy, it has had four successful years.

The aim initially was to provide a best versus best environment for Ireland's professional contracted players, help to increase the player pool available to the national team, and to increase the standard of domestic cricket. Having achieved First-Class and List-A statuses for the three competitions, Cricket Ireland is now looking to expand the T20 competition to four teams, to include the Munster Reds.

Cricket Ireland and the Munster Cricket Union wish to appoint an interim head coach for the Munster Reds, to oversee squad preparations and a number of practice sessions, in advance of a final decision being announced in respect of the team's participation in the 2017 Inter-Provincial 20-over competition. Cricket Ireland and Munster Cricket would expect that the person appointed to this role would be confirmed in the role of Head Coach for the 2017 season once the team's participation in the competition is confirmed by the Cricket Ireland Board. Should this not happen, the role would cease following completion of the agreed schedule of practice sessions.

The Coach must have a minimum ECB Level 3 coaching award (or equivalent from a full member country), or be currently undertaking the course. The head coach will be responsible for delivering regular team training sessions, 1:1 and small group sessions dependant on the availability of players, and conducting match day preparation and coaching operations, amounting to a minimum of 12 days per annum (this may increase if budget permits). Should there be insufficient applications meeting Level 3, Cricket Ireland will consider applications with Level 2 and a significant amount of cricket coaching experience in an elite environment

The Head Coach ideally needs to be based in the PU's locality for ease of travel, good face-to-face communication with players and selectors and the ability to hold coaching sessions at fairly short notice based on player needs. The role will report directly into the PU Chairman currently but this may change in time as the PU staffing changes. The head coach will work closely with and communicate well with the players' coaches at national performance, national academy and national age-group level.

The consultancy position will initially involve four training sessions in March and April and, subject to budgetary approval, be delivered across the duration of the Twenty 20 competition, and the consultancy contract will reflect that. It offers a genuine opportunity for the successful candidate to help develop players in the Hanley Energy Inter-Provincial competition structure and hopefully to Ireland senior team honours, as well as their own coaching ability.

If this opportunity interests you, please **email a CV and a covering letter addressed to recruitment@cricketireland.ie** Please ensure you include "IP Head Coach" in the subject box of your email.

Closing date for applications is 12th February at the latest. Should you be successful in making the short-list following the application process, please note that **interviews will take place w/c 13th February.**

Role Descriptor: Head Coach Munster Reds

Reports to:

Provincial Union (PU) Chair (this may change if the PU governance and staffing changes).

Position Overview:

Overall responsibility for the coaching and development of players in the PU senior men's squad. The Head Coach will have the support of a consultant strength and conditioning coach, performance analyst and physiotherapist on match days only.

Specific responsibilities:

1.
 - Act as Head Coach to the PU team, working in co-operation with the Team Manager.
 - Ensure a consistent approach to the development of the players by closely liaising with the Ireland Men's Head Coach and national team support staff.
 - Make recommendations to the PU Cricket/Development Committee for the development and improvement of the elite regional cricket programme and associated arrangements.
 - Plan, organise, and direct squad coaching sessions, one-to-one and/or small group sessions on a regular basis.
 - Plan, organise, and direct preparation on match days (6 days).
 - Advise on team strategy in close collaboration with the PU Captain.
 - Participate as a member of the PU Selection Committee and any other committees as requested by the PU, and present formal report at the end of winter training/coaching and at the end of the summer playing programme (the dates for the furnishing of these reports to be agreed with line manager) to both the PU and CI.
 - Report, as requested, to the CI Performance Director and Men's Head Coach
2. The Coach's work programme, incorporating the duties set out in Clause 1 above, and the associated budgets, shall be approved in advance by the PU Chair. Objectives shall be set by the PU Cricket Committee in conjunction with the CI Men's Head Coach, and the Coach's performance in achieving them will be reviewed at approximately six-monthly intervals by the PU.

In the event that there shall at any time be a conflict between the performance of any of the Coach's duties, such as would not enable the Coach to discharge all of his duties, then the Line Manager shall determine which of such conflicting duties shall have priority.

3. In carrying out their duties, the Coach shall:
 - endeavour at all times to foster mutual understanding, harmony, and a sense of common purpose, between the players in his charge, CI and the officers and committee members of the PU;
 - make no statement to the media, or in any other public forum, that is not in accord with, or which advocates change to, the established policies of CI and/or the PU;
 - clear with the Line Manager the content of any media interview touching upon strategic or policy issues; and

Working Hours:

12 days (to include 6 match days, coaching/training sessions plus travel, admin, preparation, and reporting)

Remuneration:

12 days @€185/day, total €2,220