



Job title: Head Groundsperson

Reports to: Facilities Manager

AFC WIMBLEDON is building a brand new stadium in Wimbledon, South West London which will be state of the art and designed to deliver excellent facilities for playing professional and non- professional football matches. The stadium is scheduled to open Autumn 2020. As such AFC Wimbledon is looking to recruit a Groundsperson. This is an exciting opportunity to be involved in ensuring the highest standards of safety and grounds maintenance within a prestigious club.

Key Responsibilities:

- Ensure the upkeep and presentation of the clubs playing surfaces is maintained to the highest standard including verges, artificial surfaces, hedges, car parks, paths and road side grass areas.
- Supervision of contractors ensuring work is delivered safely and to a high standard
- Delivering the safe implementation of pest control, weed control, seeding, fungicide, fertilization and nutrition programme for the playing surfaces
- Ensure that the initial marking out and setting up of playing surfaces is to a high standard
- Ordering of all products and equipment aligned to AFC's purchase order and budget
- To liaise with opposing teams and match officials to ensure the best and safe delivery of a match with regards to the playing surface.
- Aeration, brushing, seeding and use of tractor units and utility vehicles with a wide range of attachments utilized for turf care maintenance
- Set out and over mark pitches and pre determined areas ready for play
- Setting up and management of irrigation systems
- Match day preparation to include set-up goals, flags etc. for scheduled matches at all venues and at all levels
- Regular brushing/grooming 3G artificial surfaces using specialized equipment.



- Fully endorse, demonstrate and carry out AFC Wimbledon's health and safety policy at all times compliant with all group policies and statutory regulations.
- Ensure all chemicals and products are used correctly and safely and securely stored.
- Have a full knowledge of procedures for evacuation with regards to fire or any other emergency
- Identify and report maintenance requirements or hazards within the workplace.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The role will report into the Facilities Manager and will also have direct reports from assistant grounds staff and therefore the ability to manage people is a necessity.

The individual needs to be able to carry out medium to heavy manual work tasks in all weather conditions.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Minimum of 5 years experience of Ground management in a sports environment
- Qualification in Horticulture and Sports Turf Maintenance or equivalent
- Full clean driving license
- Excellent communication skills
- DBS checked or if not be prepared to complete an enhanced DBS check
- Either EU Citizen, permanent UK resident or a foreign national with legal authorization to work in the UK.
- Able to work under pressure

The role will be offered on a permanent basis working 40 hours per week including match days.



Closing date: **Friday, October 2nd, 2020**

If you believe you have the right skills for this position please apply by sending an up to date CV with covering letter to **recruitment@afcwimbledon.ltd.uk**

AFC Wimbledon is committed to the principle of equal opportunity in employment and its employment policies for recruitment are designed to ensure that no job applicant or employee receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of age, disability, gender re-assignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity/paternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.

AFC Wimbledon is committed to safeguarding all children, young people and adults are risk involved in its activities and events. The group recognizes its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of vulnerable groups by a commitment to procedures to protect them. The group additionally expects all staff and volunteers to fully support and promote these commitments.