

Job Title: Coach

What do they do?

A coach is responsible for the training, tactics and game management in football. They organise and support the players to prepare for the games ahead. They have an important role to play in motivating football players and setting up a game plan against opposition teams. The head coach is responsible for choosing the players for each game.



What skills do they need?

A coach must have excellent communication skills to be able to share tactics with the football players effectively and motivate the team for each match. The coach may also have to speak to media reporters during press conferences, so good communication is key for this purpose too.

A coach also needs good knowledge and understanding of the game of football with an ability to analyse the opposition team to establish tactics for each game. The coaches also need knowledge of skills and training programmes required for football players.

Which qualifications do they need?

- A coaching qualification from the Football Association

What can I do if I am interested in becoming a coach?

Taking an interest in sport and physical education at school is a good place to start if you are interested in becoming a coach. Not all football coaches are football players themselves, but it is important to be familiar with the game of football. Gaining experience working with a local football team could also be helpful.

Job Title: Head of High Performance

What do they do?

The head of high performance co-ordinates the performance support team, including doctors, physiotherapists, sports scientists and analysts. They are responsible for setting goals to help improve team performance and look at ways to support the football players to achieve success on the pitch.



Which qualifications do they need?

Experience can count for a lot in this role and showing a keen interest in the sport and gaining experience can be very useful. The criteria listed below are not always essential, but can be useful:

- A degree in a sports or management related field
- Experience working within a football environment
- Management and leadership qualifications and/or experience

What can I do if I am interested in becoming a head of high performance?

While at school you could look to get involved in football clubs, if possible. Seek opportunities to take on leadership roles to develop your communication skills. Physical Education could be a useful subject for you to take forward and obtaining a good knowledge of information handling might also be useful.

What skills do they need?

The Head of High Performance requires excellent leadership and communication skills to enable them to lead and coordinate with the other members that make up the performance support team. A keen interest in football skills and performance would also be useful, in addition to a knowledge of the roles and responsibilities of the other professions that contribute to the high performance team.

Job Title: **Club Doctor**

What do they do?

The club doctor will be a fully trained medical doctor and be fully registered with the General Medical Council. The club doctors are responsible for treating and diagnosing injuries the footballers obtain during matches or in training. In addition, they will manage the footballers' overall health and wellbeing.

Which qualifications do they need?

- A university degree in medicine
- Registration with the General Medical Council
- Experience working in a sporting environment with sports injuries

What can I do if I am interested in becoming a club doctor?

To get a place in university to study medicine, you require excellent school grades, so it is important to work hard and try your best during your school years. Science is also a big part of medicine, so it is important to consider this when making subject choices in secondary school, with most universities looking for potential Medicine candidates to have studied two Sciences. Medicine can be a competitive field, so it is important to show willingness to take on extra responsibilities to set yourself apart.

What skills do they need?

A doctor needs excellent communication skills to enable them to effectively communicate with their patients to diagnose injuries, share treatments and outcomes. They have to be able to work under pressure and think quickly to respond to emergency situations.



Job Title: **Physiotherapist**

What do they do?

A physiotherapist in football has a wide range of roles and responsibilities. They are responsible for the physical fitness of the football players. They do this by planning training programmes related to each player's individual needs through the week. They are also responsible for working closely with the medical team to manage injuries. On a match day, the physiotherapist will attend to any injuries players obtain on the pitch.



Which qualifications do they need?

- A university degree in physiotherapy
- Registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)

What can I do if I am interested in becoming a physiotherapist?

It is important to work hard and try your best at school if physiotherapy is of interest to you as it requires excellent school grades in your final exams. Science makes up a large part of the degree and students interested in this career should take at least two sciences when making subject choices at secondary school.

What skills do they need?

A physiotherapist requires excellent communication skills to enable them to communicate with patients and their families. The need to have a caring nature and the ability to work as part of a team to communicate with doctors, nurses and other professionals who may be involved in patient care. They can often deal with patients who are suffering from long term injuries, so should have the ability to encourage and motivate a patient to help them maintain a positive outlook.

Job Title: **Sports Scientist**

What do they do?

A sports scientist has to make sure that the footballers are at peak physical fitness to improve and maintain high levels of performance on the pitch. They will work closely with the physiotherapists and doctors to ensure that the training programmes in place for players help enhance their performance.

Which qualifications do they need?

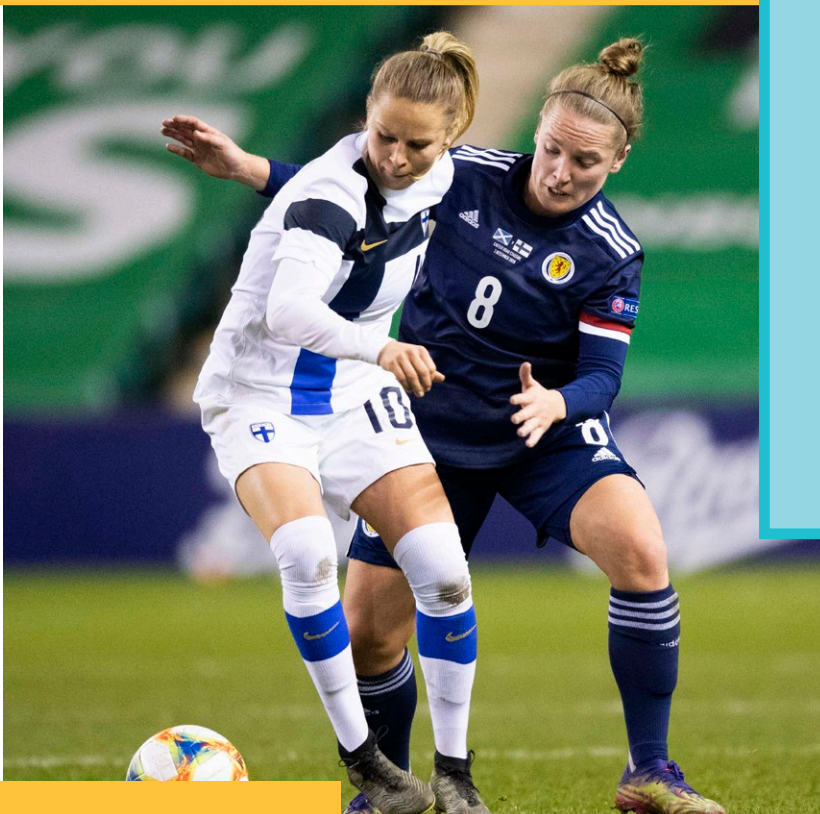
- A university degree in sports science or a related degree and postgraduate study of physiotherapy

What can I do if I am interested in becoming a sports scientist?

It is important to work hard and try your best at school if sports science is of interest to you as it requires excellent school grades in your final exams. Science makes up a large part of the degree and students interested in this career should take either Chemistry or Biology when making subject choices at secondary school.

What skills do they need?

A sports scientist needs excellent communication and team working skills as they work closely with other professionals. They also require the skills to think critically and and make reasoned decisions about the best ways to enhance athlete performance. An interest in Science, particularly human biology and sports psychology is also useful.



Job Title: **Performance Analyst**

What do they do?

The performance analyst looks at all the relevant data and statistics about individual players and the team to make key decisions about tactics. They are also responsible for looking at data from opposition teams to determine their strengths and weaknesses, passing this on to the coaching staff. They have an important role to play in developing a game plan for each match.

Which qualifications do they need?

There are no specific degree qualifications related to performance analysis in football, but if you are interested in this a degree in the field of sport or data analysis would be helpful.

What can I do if I am interested in becoming a performance analyst?

This job would require study at university, so it is important to work hard at school. It would also be helpful to be part of your local football team in some way to demonstrate your interest in the game and develop your knowledge and understanding.

What skills do they need?

A performance analyst requires excellent verbal and written communication skills as they have to communicate their data analysis to other members of the team verbally and in written report form. They require a good understanding of mathematics and statistics. They would also need to be competent with the use of technology as the job relies on using computers and software programmes to process data and carry out analysis. An interest in and knowledge of the game of football would also be important.



Job Title: **Masseur**

What do they do?

The masseur that travels with the team will have specialist knowledge of sports massage therapy. They will be skilled in giving massages to players to help them recover from matches and treat muscle strains.

Which qualifications do they need?

- Undertake a training course in sport massage therapy.

What can I do if I am interested in becoming a masseur?

Develop your skills in working with others and look for opportunities to get involved in team projects at school or in the community. Take an interest in your own wellbeing and the wellbeing of others.

What skills do they need?

A sports massage therapist requires excellent communication skills to get an understanding of their clients' needs. They also require the ability to reassure and calm their clients. You would work closely with others so should enjoy working with other people.



Job Title: **Kit Manager**

What do they do?

The kit manager is responsible for making sure the kit is organised and ready for any games. They will arrive early before a game to ensure the strips are organised for the team. They have a very important job to ensure that everyone has what they need for the game ahead.

Which qualifications do they need?

There are no specific qualifications required to become a team kit manager.

What can I do if I am interested in becoming a kit manager?

It would be helpful to get as much experience as you can by volunteering with a local football team, perhaps taking responsibility for water bottles to start with. Get involved in organising school events where you can to demonstrate and develop your organisational skills.

What skills do they need?

A team kit manager requires excellent organisation skills to ensure the players have everything they need for training and for playing in matches. They need to be reliable with excellent time keeping skills. You would require passion and enthusiasm for the job and have the ability to work under pressure to meet tight deadlines. An interest in football would also be beneficial.



What do they do?

The digital manager will be responsible for overseeing all the online and digital content relating to the football team. They will manage and decide what is shared on the official social media pages and manage the content for fan engagement.



Which qualifications do they need?

There are many routes into this role. A university degree would be useful to get a high level position as a digital manager, perhaps in the area of business marketing or advertising.

What can I do if I am interested in becoming a digital manager?

Look on the websites of some of your favourite football teams to see what news content and updates are being shared. When you reach the legal age limits for different social media platforms you could follow some of your favourite teams to see how they are using different social media platforms for fan engagement. You could also try writing your own sporting blog.

What skills do they need?

A digital manager requires excellent verbal and written communication skills in order to communicate effectively with the media and the team fanbase. They have to be resilient to deal with any negative news stories that arise. They also need to keep up to date with all the latest trends and social media platforms available.