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Maidstone Football Club

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Maidstone Football Club

President

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: The President is the figurehead and sets the tone of the whole club, working alongside the Chairman to ensure the smooth running of the club.

TO: Main Committee

FOR: The club and its members

DUTIES:

- Guide, support and advise other club officers and committee members on any club matters
- Attend the AGM and committee meetings
- Attend all first team games (or find someone to represent you) to encourage and support the players
- Make sure visiting club officials are made welcome at all home games
- Organise former player reunions
- Make sure your Club Vice Presidents Dinners are well-organised
- Set in place a succession plan for key club officials
- Hand over to the next President as smoothly as possible

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Tactful and discrete
- Well-versed in the running of the club
- Analytical and good at solving problems
- Familiar with good business practices and procedures
- Something of a bon viveur – charismatic and committed

TIME COMMITMENT:

Approximately 6 hours per week – mainly at weekends



Maidstone Football Club

Chairperson

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: There are two distinct functions of the Chairperson: the Executive role and the Ambassador role. To chair the meetings and act as principal officer throughout the year by making decisions whenever the need arises in consultation with other officers when appropriate. To attend meetings in a neutral and uncommitted capacity to enable the group to have a discussion with a neutral person in the Chair.

TO: Main Committee

FOR: The club and its members

DUTIES:

- To provide direction for the club by effective leadership and management
- Monitor and evaluate the progress of agreed actions both short term and strategic
- Ensure that succession and forward planning are integral in the club
- Manage other club officers to ensure the delivery of their responsibilities
- Ensure that the club structure and responsibilities are transparent and available to the membership
- Represent (or arrange a representative for) the club on the CB Committee
- Chair and manage the Exec Committee and monthly club meetings
- Encourage community links
- Attend meetings with our landlords
- Liaise and maintain existing links with our Landlord's representatives
- Reply promptly to e mails concerning the running of the club
- Working with and supporting Constituent Bodies
- Attend all first and second team home games (or find someone to represent you at 1st team away games) to encourage and support the players

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Leadership and management skills – to encompass;
 - Setting objectives
 - Planning and organising
 - Controlling and setting standards
- Ability to be objective
- Good communication skills
- Good motivator

TIME COMMITMENT:

Approximately 8 to 12 hours per week



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Deputy Chairperson

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: To deputise for the Chairman in both the Executive role and the Ambassador role when appropriate. To chair meetings and act as principal officer in the absence of the Chairman whenever the need arises in consultation with other officers when appropriate.

TO: Main Committee

FOR: The club and its members

DUTIES:

- To assist the Chairman where appropriate in providing direction for the club by effective leadership and management
- To assist the Chairman in monitoring and evaluate the progress of agreed actions both short term and strategic
- Assist in managing other club officers to ensure the delivery of their responsibilities
- To lead in specific projects to the benefit of the club as directed by the Chairman
- Chair and manage the Exec Committee and monthly club meetings in the absence of the Chairman
- Encourage community links
- Assist the Chairman in working with and supporting Constituent Bodies.

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Leadership and management skills – to encompass;
- Setting objectives
- Planning and organising
- Controlling and setting standards
- Ability to be objective
- Good communication skills
- Good motivator

TIME COMMITMENT:

Approximately 2 to 3 hours per week



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Finance Committee Chairperson

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: The Chairman of the Finance Committee is responsible for the ensuring the competent management of the club's accounts and its financial dealings. To attend meetings in a neutral and uncommitted capacity to enable the group to have a discussion with a neutral person in the Chair.

TO: Main Committee

FOR: The financial management of the club.

DUTIES:

- To chair and manage the Finance Committee
- Supervise the finances of the rugby club
- Monitor and evaluate the financial position of the club at all times and keep the committee informed of all financial trends and areas of concern
- Ensure insurances are renewed annually
- Be responsible for the supervision of and ensuring that adequate records are kept regarding the clubs financial transactions
- Monitor the clubs cash flow.
- Financial planning, including overseeing the production of an annual budget and monitoring it throughout the year
- To ensure the submission of any statutory documents that are required (e.g. VAT returns, PAYE and NI returns, tax returns, grant aid reports)
- Ensure club has paid RFU and Constituent Body affiliation fee

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Leadership and management skills – to encompass;
 - Setting objectives
 - Planning and organising
 - Controlling and setting standards
- Ability to be objective
- Working knowledge of financial management
- Good communication skills
- Good motivator
- Confident in handling figures
- Prepared to make instant decisions relating to the finances of the club when necessary
- **TIME COMMITMENT:** Approximately 2 hours per week – increasing around Financial Year End



Maidstone Football Club

Hon Treasurer

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: The Treasurer is responsible for the management of the club's accounts and its financial dealings.

TO: Main Committee

DUTIES:

- Look after the finances of the rugby club
- Be fully aware of the financial position of the club at all times and keep the committee informed of all financial trends and areas of concern
- Renew insurances annually
- Issue receipts and promptly deposit all monies received
- Be responsible for ensuring that adequate records are kept regarding the clubs financial transactions
- Manage the clubs cash flow and maintain a working level of petty cash
- Prepare and present accounts for the end of year financial report and audit
- Financial planning, including producing an annual budget and monitoring it throughout the year
- To help prepare and submit any statutory documents that are required (e.g. VAT returns, PAYE and NI returns, tax returns, grant aid reports)
- Ensure club has paid RFU and Constituent Body affiliation fee

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Bookkeeping and accounting knowledge
- IT/PC Literate
- Knowledgeable about VAT, returns and rules
- Be aware of investment opportunities
- Well organised, able to keep records
- Careful when handling money and cheques
- Confident in handling figures
- Prepared to make instant decisions relating to the finances of the club when necessary

TIME COMMITMENT:

- Approximately 2 hours per week – increasing around Financial Year End



Maidstone Football Club

International Ticket Coordinator

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: To organise the allocation and distribution of tickets to MFC Members for the Autumn International Matches and the Six Nations Championship.

TO: Director of Finance.

DUTIES:

- To arrange the advertisement of the availability of the tickets to the MFC Members.
- To obtain ticket applications from MFC Members.
- Liaise with finance committee with regard to issue of demands for payment.
- To complete the RFU ticket application forms and return them to the RFU.
- To record and distribute tickets to the MFC Members who have been allocated tickets by the MFC Committee.
- To liaise with finance committee with regard to refund payments to MFC Members who have not been allocated tickets.

LIAISE WITH:

- Finance Committee
- Advertising & Sponsorship Coordinator

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Good organisational skills

TIME COMMITMENT:

Approximately 10 hours per season.



Maidstone Football Club

Membership Secretary

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: To encourage all class of membership, control subscription income and administer membership records.

TO: Hon Treasurer.

DUTIES:

- Actively foster ideas which will attract new members into the club.
- Maintain an accurate membership database.
- Provide an up-to-date membership register on the Club premises and furnish copies to Management Committee Members on request.
- Liaise with Team Captains/Mangers regarding new members and current member amendments.
- Distribute subscription reminders.
- Monitor and maintain subscription income (via cash, cheque, standing Order and Direct Debit) received and maintain records of payment.
- Distribute by post or email, membership card and a copy of Club Rules to new members.

LIAISE WITH:

- Hon Treasurer
- Team Managers & Captains

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Good organisational skills

TIME COMMITMENT:

Approximately 2 hours per week.



Maidstone Football Club

Sponsorship & Advertising Officer

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: To be directly responsible for sponsorship and fundraising opportunities for the club, its activities and events.

TO: Main Committee

FOR: Other volunteer fundraisers

DUTIES:

- Ensure all materials required for fundraising are ordered and available
- Provide invoicing details to the Treasurer for subsequent action
- Identify all available sponsorship opportunities and methods of accessing funding through partner agencies
- Prepare submissions and all supporting material and present sponsorship and advertising proposals to interested parties
- Ensure that all commitments are provided according to the terms of the respective sponsorship agreement
- Maintain accurate records of all sponsorship, advertising and donation revenue secured
- If necessary, form a Sponsorship and Advertising Sub-Committee

LIAISE WITH:

- Hon Treasurer
- Club Credit Controller

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Confident and effective communicator
- Creative and innovative
- Enthusiastic and a good motivator
- Financial or marketing background (not essential)

TIME COMMITMENT:

- Approximately 3-6 hours per week



Maidstone Football Club

House Operations (Bar) Manager

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: The management of the club's bar facilities on matchday and at other events and functions nominated by the committee

TO: Main Committee

FOR: Additional Bar Staff

DUTIES:

- Provide/organise the provision of bar requirements for all matches, events and social occasions.
- Liaise with Catering Manager, Fundraising Secretary, Social Secretary, Fixtures Secretary and Treasurer.
- To ensure the delivery of friendly, efficient customer service and to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere to all Club members and those who visit the Club.
- To make sure that the kitchen and bar are adequately stocked by instigating appropriate stock control and ordering procedures.
- To make sure that all areas are clean, tidy and meet member expectations and Health & Safety matters are adhered to.
- To make sure that all relevant operations comply with relevant health and safety requirements and insurances.
- To ensure the liquor licence laws are upheld and to ensure responsible behaviour is upheld in the Club House and relevant areas at all times.
- To hire, control and oversee bar, catering and cleaning staff to ensure that they work diligently and honestly at all times.
- To manage bar and kitchen staff and to make sure that they are adequately trained and/or qualified.
- To implement catering arrangements for players, spectators and special events.
- To keep clear and accurate financial records, as prescribed by the Honorary Treasurer.
- To operate in accordance with the Club Security Guidelines at all times.
- Assist in achieving financial targets as prescribed by the House Chair.

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Good communication and organisational skills
- Knowledge of bar management skills desirable
- Experience with handling money and stocks

TIME COMMITMENT:

A few hours a week when bar facilities are required and the weekly provision of match teas throughout the season



Maidstone Football Club

Catering Manager

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: The management of the club's catering facilities on match days and at other events and functions nominated by the committee

TO: Main Committee

FOR: Additional Catering Staff

DUTIES:

- Organising and running of club catering; including staffing, ordering, stock control, security, monitoring of prices/sales, signing in of visitors, control of takings
- Provide/organise the provision of catering requirements for all matches, events and social occasions
- To ensure cleanliness and Health & Safety matters are adhered to
- Liaise with Bar Manager, Fundraising Secretary, Social Secretary, Fixtures Secretary and Treasurer

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Good communication and organisational skills
- Knowledge of food hygiene procedures and catering management skills desirable
- Experience with handling money and stocks

TIME COMMITMENT:

A few hours a week when catering facilities are required and the weekly provision of match food throughout the season



Maidstone Football Club

Grants Manager

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: As the Grants Manager for the club you will be responsible for identifying, applying for, and following up, grant applications. There is a vast array of opportunities to increase investment in the club, and it is the role of the Grants Manager to identify and make the most of these opportunities. A successful Grant Manager has the opportunity to make a massive difference to the club's resources.

TO: Main Committee

FOR: Assistant Grant Manager (if appropriate) – ideally this role should be divided to cover large Capital Project Grants and the more routinely available low level grant funding opportunities.

DUTIES:

- Liaise with a wide range of grant funding bodies (local Government, RFU, Sport England, SportsMatch) in order to identify potential funding sources.
- Liaise with the Executive Committee and respective project committees to identify club funding requirements which may qualify for grant funding.
- Ensure grant application efforts are appropriately directed and realistic.
- Explore opportunities, assemble appropriate supporting information and apply for grants to assist club funds.
- Follow up all grant applications by liaising with the funding body to ensure the smooth and timely processing of the application.
- Liaise with the Treasurer and Executive Committee to ensure that the approved funds are utilised appropriately.
- Regularly review this job description and ensure it remains appropriate and ensure the next person taking over the role is prepared and the transfer is completed smoothly with the minimum of disruption.

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Well organised and methodical.
- Enthusiastic & Motivating.
- An effective communicator – both written and oral.
- Ideally experienced in the finance industry or project management.

TIME COMMITMENT:

- Approximately 2 hours per week – dependent on projects and grants being pursued



Maidstone Football Club

Hon Secretary

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: The main purpose of this role is that of principal administrator of the club. The Hon Secretary carries out all the administrative duties that enable the club and its members to function effectively. It is a pivotal role within the club with a close involvement in the general running of the club. The Hon. Secretary provides the main point of contact for people within and outside the club on just about every aspect of the club's activities.

TO: Main Committee

FOR: Assistant Secretary (If Appropriate)

DUTIES:

- Provide an open communication link between the committee, sub-committees, members and other clubs and leagues
- Record, manage and ensure action on all inward and outward club correspondence including legal and insurance matters and acknowledge where necessary.
- Provide such club details as required by the RFU and CB and maintain records of all members and former members of the club
- Ensure all relevant forms and publications are distributed to the responsible officers and available to members where applicable
- Represent the club, with the Chairman, on the CB Committee
- Organise AGM, Exec Committee and Club meetings, prepare agendas, reports and papers and take minutes.
- Communicate all matters of importance from the league/CB/RFU to the committee and club members; maintaining a sound knowledge of all league/CB/RFU rules and regulations

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Good management skills
- Confident and effective communicator
- Good administration skills
- Well organised and conscientious
- Good IT skills
- Good working knowledge of meeting procedures

TIME COMMITMENT:

- Approximately 6 hours per week. Many of these will be at the weekend and in evenings



Maidstone Football Club

RFU Accreditation Coordinator

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: To coordinate the activities of MFC to ensure that the Club meets, and where possible exceeds, the minimum requirements laid down by the RFU to ensure that the Club retains its Seal of Approval accreditation.

TO: Director of Governance

DUTIES:

- To act as the interface between the Club and the RFU in all matters relating to the Seal of Approval.
- To work with the MFC Officers to coordinate the production of the RFU Accreditation/Seal of Approval Evidence File for the RFU Accreditation Audit conducted by the RFU.
- To input into the development of the MFC Strategic Plan to ensure that it includes the necessary activities to ensure the minimum requirements laid down by the RFU to maintain the Clubs Seal of Approval accreditation are met.
- To review the MFC Policy Documents at the end of each season and update them as required to ensure that they reflect any changes in UK Law and RFU policies and procedures.
- To ensure that the MFC Policy Documents are published on the MFC Website and available in the RFU Accreditation/Seal Of Approval Folder.
- To work with the MFC Officers to ensure that Key Policies (e.g. Accident Policies and Procedures) are communicated to Coaches, Players, Parents/Carers and MFC Members.

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Good management skills.
- Able to manage 'virtual' teams.
- Confident and effective communicator.
- Good administration skills.
- Well organised and conscientious
- Good IT skills
- Good working knowledge of meeting procedures

TIME COMMITMENT:

- 20 – 40 hours per annum with activity concentrated at the end of the season when the Seal of Approval Audit takes place. The time commitment may increase if significant changes need to be made to the MFC Policy Documents.



Maidstone Football Club

Health & Safety Officer

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: Ensure that all first aid practices within the club are appropriate and up to date.

TO: Club Committee

FOR: Club first aiders

DUTIES:

- Risk assess all activities to determine appropriate level of first aid provision
- Recommend training to achieve and maintain required numbers of appropriately skilled volunteers
- Ensure provision of First Aid during incidents
- Ensure emergency procedures are communicated and adhered to
- Ensure First Aid equipment is functional and kit is stocked
- Maintain confidential database of player medical details
- Complete incident/injury reports where necessary in line with RFU regulations
- Promote the welfare of all club members in accordance with RFU and club policy (e.g. management of concussion injuries)

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Background in health care
- First aid qualification
- Enthusiasm to improve and develop first aid practices

TIME COMMITMENT:

- 2 hours per week
- Dependant on other first aid trained members and matches/events/courses taking place



Maidstone Football Club

Volunteer Coordinator

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: The Club Volunteer Coordinator is responsible for the recruitment, training and retention of the club's volunteers.

TO: Main Committee

FOR: All those who volunteer within the club

DUTIES:

- Assess the personnel needs of the club on an annual basis; taking into account regular duties as well as special events
- Develop a recruiting plan that identifies all possible recruiting sources
- Understand the nature of volunteering and what motivates people to volunteer
- Recruit volunteers and, where possible, place them in roles that suit their background, skills or wishes
- Organise initial orientation and, where possible, ongoing training
- Keep club volunteers informed of all club activities and events
- Ensure individual volunteers are given appropriate support and guidance to maintain their enthusiasm
- Ensure appropriate recognition of volunteers, including nomination for RFU recognition awards
- Ensure a policy of open recruitment is implemented when advertising for, and appointing, volunteers

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Approachable and a good listener
- Confident and effective communicator
- Good organisational skills and ability to delegate
- Enthusiastic and a good motivator

TIME COMMITMENT:

Approximately 2-3 hours per week



Maidstone Football Club

Safeguarding & Welfare Officer

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: Provide leadership in the Safeguarding of Young People in Rugby Union within MFC.

TO: Director of Rugby / Fixture Secretary / Coach

FOR: Relevant team(s)

DUTIES:

- Maintaining key relationships with the CB Welfare Manager (CBWM) and local safeguarding partners
- Develop the clubs own 'Safeguarding Young People in Rugby Union' policy and procedures in conjunction with the RFU policy and circulate & promote the RFU or clubs Codes of Conduct;
- Be visible and approachable to all club members and ensure your contact details are available to all young people, parents and club personnel and that these are posted on club notice boards and on the club website and registered on GMS;
- In conjunction with the CBWM, develop an effective CRB processing system within the club to ensure that all individuals working with young people undertake a CRB application every three years (and hold a Vetting & Barring Scheme check);
- To co-ordinate a programme of training, in conjunction with CBWM and/or RDO, for club personnel, including club management committee, involved in working with young people (i.e. Safeguarding & Protecting Young People in Rugby Union courses);
- To ensure that all safeguarding issues and incidents involving adult(s) and children/ young people under 18 are reported promptly to the CBWM (or RFU Safeguarding team in their absence);
- Have contact details for local statutory agencies (police/social services etc.) and liaise as necessary;
- To ensure that the club has an induction pack, which includes the club safeguarding/child protection policy, for new mini & youth players and that all parents sign for its receipt;
- Be aware of individual children's special educational or medical needs and the need to inform appropriate club age-group coaches/managers;
- To be an active or co-opted member of club management committee;
- To ensure that the clubs first aid coordinator complies with RFU medical/first aid protocols
- To monitor club website for inappropriate content and report/amend as appropriate;
- To be involved in a club's RFU Accreditation and to verify and confirm the information provided to the RDO is correct; and
- To distribute literature, electronic communication and new developments concerning the safeguarding of young people to club personnel as appropriate.

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Background in child protection from any of the statutory agencies (Police, Social Services, Children's Services)
- Empathy, Approachability, Good sense of humour, Objectivity, Attention to detail
- Resilience and dedication to the cause of safeguarding young people under the age of 18.

TIME COMMITMENT:

- 5-10 hours per week



Maidstone Football Club

Discipline Officer

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: To maintain the standards of discipline within the Club by investigating and dealing any allegations of foul play or misconduct fairly, consistently and efficiently and in line with the RFU Disciplinary Regulations.

TO: Club Committee/County Disciplinary Panel/RFU

FOR: Club Disciplinary Panel

DUTIES:

- Deal with all misconduct charges within the club
- Convene internal club disciplinary hearings for players either sent off or cited in accordance with Disciplinary Regulation 2.2
- To be responsible for all discipline queries in conjunction with the CB Discipline Secretary.
- To provide information to the club members and players in relation to disciplinary matters
- Liaise with CB Discipline Officer/RFU regarding disciplinary matters involving the club
- Update club website with any issues relating to discipline

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Legal background or attendance at a RFU Disciplinary Conference
- Experience of playing rugby
- Good interpersonal skills.

TIME COMMITMENT:

- 2 hours per week
- Dependant on frequency of disciplinary issues arising



Maidstone Football Club

House Chairperson

RESPONSIBILITIES

OF ROLE: The post-holder's primary responsibility is to oversee all 'House' related operations from a Maidstone Football Club perspective, and to represent the 'House' as required at Maidstone Sports Federation (MSF) meetings.

To maintain the Clubs facilities in a manner which promotes a safe and enjoyable environment for children and adults.

TO: The Chair of House is member of the Rugby Executive Committee and is directly responsible to the Chairman for all issues relating to the 'House' matters and operations.

SCOPE: The term 'House', to include the following facilities:

1. The Club-house in its entirety
2. The Tabernacle
3. The Car Parking Area (hard standing area outside the Club)

DUTIES:

- To ensure that Club House is run as effectively and efficiently as possible.
- To work towards the objectives and targets as agreed with the Rugby Executive Committee (and the MSF).
- To ensure that clear and accurate financial records are kept, as prescribed by the Honorary Treasurer.
- To build and maintain a strong relationship with the 'House' Operations/Bar Manager and members of the MSF House Sub-Committee.
- To maximise the use of the facilities in order to generate profit throughout the year.
- To meet the needs of members, the local community and external bodies by maximising usage and targeted activities.
- To oversee the delegation of events and activities as they affect 'House' by forming teams or co-opting volunteers.
- To produce an annual budget and activity plan with targets for sales, margins and profit forecasts to present to the Executive Committee.
- Manage, monitor and implement the 'House' budget.
- To ensure the up-keep of the building to provide a safe environment for members by instigating repairs and improvements as required.
- To assess the cost effectiveness of suppliers and external contractors and to review services as required (in conjunction with the 'House' Operations/Bar Manager).
- To develop the relationship with the brewery to negotiate sponsorship and deals.
- To promote the use of the facilities to external bodies, groups and individuals in conjunction with those responsible for Marketing and Events.
- To ensure clear and accurate records relating to all bookings and activities are kept (in conjunction with the appointed Administrator).
- To progress and co-ordinate any necessary works reported.
- To obtain quotes and method statements from outside contractors for any works.
- To oversee works from a safe working environment perspective.

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE: Able to communicate, motivate, organize, negotiate and work to a budget.

TIME COMMITMENT:

- 2 hours per week for general upkeep and facility maintenance but this could extend to a much longer time frame if any significant and unexpected issues arise.



Maidstone Football Club

Grounds Manager

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: To maintain club grounds/facilities throughout the year to ensure that matches can take place. To ensure that the rules and regulations regarding club pitches are respected and observed.

TO: Main Committee

DUTIES:

- Outdoor work involving the preparation, cutting, watering and marking out of rugby pitches throughout the year
- To provide good quality rugby pitches for the club and for the players within that club
- To ensure efficient running and operation of the ground and its outdoor facilities
- Ensure that the playing surface is in good order at all times
- Ensure that the goalposts are in good order at all times
- Ensure that all grounds maintenance equipment is in safe working order
- Ensure that the ambulance access is maintained at all times
- Risk Assessment

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE

- Experience of grounds keeping or large scale gardening / landscaping
- Interest in grounds-keeping and love of the outdoors
- Working knowledge of machines and engine maintenance (this can be obtained via IOG Groundsman Course training available from the RFU)

TIME COMMITMENT:

- Approximately 2-3 hours per week



Maidstone Football Club

Director of Rugby/Head of Playing

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: To oversee all rugby playing activities at all levels.

TO: Main Committee

DUTIES:

- To chair regular meetings of the Rugby Committee.
- To direct the activities of the Rugby Committee.
- To develop and deploy the policies controlling the playing of rugby at the Club (e.g. Selection Policy)
- To attend the Main Committee Meetings and represent the interests of the Senior, Junior and Mini Sections of the Club.
- To ensure that the Rugby Committee has an active plan for player, coach, and referee recruitment and development which is reviewed and updated at the monthly Rugby Committee meetings.
- To ensure that the minimum standards laid down in the Seal Of Approval relating to the playing of rugby are met.
- To ensure that all of the following key posts are covered:
 - Head Coach
 - Assistant Coaches
 - 1st XV (Club) Captain.
 - Senior Team Captains
 - Chairman of Selectors
 - Physiotherapy Support
 - School Liaison Officer
 - Coaching Coordinator
 - Referee Coordinator
 - Senior Fixture Secretary

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Highly motivated and enthusiastic
- Ability to lead, motivate and direct the activities of a team.
- Experience as a player and a coach.
- Good management skills.
- Confident and effective communicator.
- Good working knowledge of meeting procedures

TIME COMMITMENT:

- 5-6 hours/week



Maidstone Football Club

Club Coaching Co-ordinator

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: To co-ordinate all coach training and development

TO: Rugby Committee

DUTIES:

- To be a point of contact at the club for RFU Coaching Dept
- To be a contact at the club for all Club Coaches
- To have a clear understanding of the RFU Coaching structure and available courses
- To actively promote all RFU courses (Foundation, Award and CPD Courses)
- Consider the implementation of or initiate a Club Coaching Development Plan.
- To identify needs and liaise with CB Coaching Committees, Community Rugby Coach and Club Coach Developer for the delivery of specific Foundation & CPD courses at the club
- To identify personnel for Coach Developer Training
- To assist the game in gathering information and reporting on Playing Development projects

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE: Understanding of the role of senior, junior and mini coach. Familiarity with RFU Coach Training Programme. Good administration and communication skills

TIME COMMITMENT:

- 1-2 hours/week



Maidstone Football Club

Club Referee Co-ordinator

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: To co-ordinate all Referee Training and development at the club

TO: Rugby Committee

DUTIES:

- To be a point of contact at the club for Referees Society
- To be a contact at the club for all Club Referees
- To have a clear understanding of the RFU Referee structure and available courses
- To actively promote all RFU Referees Courses
- Consider the implementation of or initiate a Club Referee Development Plan.
- To identify needs and liaise with Referees Society for the delivery of courses
- To identify personnel for Referee Developer Training
- To assist the game in gathering information and reporting on Referee Development projects

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE: Experience as a referee, good administrative skills

TIME COMMITMENT:

- 1 hour/week



Maidstone Football Club

Schools Liaison Officer

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: To establish and maintain links with all schools within the catchment area in order to promote the playing of rugby

TO: Rugby Committee

DUTIES:

- Identify schools within catchment area
- Establish links with the relevant contacts at the school (usually the Head and the Sports Dept)
- Act as link and point of contact for all schools with MFC
- Promote the playing of rugby and MFC to all schools
- Organise events to promote rugby and MFC at the club and support any at the school

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE: A background in education, experience as a mini/junior coach, good communication skills

TIME COMMITMENT:

- 1-2 hours/week



Maidstone Football Club

Youth Chairman

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: Responsibility for the effective running of the club's Mini, Junior & Youth Sections.

TO: Main Committee

DUTIES:

- Ensure the Club's compliance with regard to the RFU requirement for Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks to be completed on all adults working with members of the Youth Section.
- Ensure that at least one adult from each age group has attended an RFU approved Child Safeguarding course.
- Ensure that the Club has a Welfare & Safeguarding Officer.
- Ensure that the Club has a Child Protection Policy in line with that proposed by the RFU and that all adults working with members of the Youth Section and parents of players are aware of its contents.
- Ensure the Club's compliance with regard to the RFU requirement for all youth section members to be registered with the RFU.
- Ensure that the Club's policies are available to all members
- Ensure appropriate coach cover during the season
- Responsibility for the provision of training and playing kit in association with club procurement officer
- Manage playing and training pitch allocations in conjunction with ground chair
- Ensure each team has adequate first aid cover and first aid kits
- Promote attendance on a range of coach and rugby related courses
- Chair regular committee meetings, issue minutes & actions
- Ensure everyone associated with the Youth Section are aware of and maintain expected levels of discipline and behavior
- Manage discipline cases with the club, Kent Rugby and RFU as appropriate
- Represent Youth Section on Senior Club Committee and adhoc Executive committees
- Manage independent income & expenditure for section with appropriate bank account
- Promote team, section and club sponsorship opportunities
- Organise Team, Section and Club social events
- Liaise with other sections of the club
- Deal with issues raised by the coaches, parents or players
- Maintain a visible presence at coaching sessions and social events
- Encourage links with schools in the local community to promote rugby and the Club
- Liaise with other Clubs as required
- Ensure appropriate publicity liaison either direct or through the senior club
- Liaise with the senior club with regard to fund raising opportunities
- Liaise with other agencies, i.e. School Sports Partnership and Maidstone Borough Council Sports Development Unit

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Good organizational skills
- Enthusiastic and a good motivator
- Approachable
- Leadership
- Influencing skill
- Experience of playing rugby
- Good interpersonal skills

TIME COMMITMENT:

- 8 to 10 hours a week plus time on organizing specific events



Maidstone Football Club

Senior Fixture Secretary

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: To ensure that fixtures are arranged, establish a fixture list for the whole season and confirm or re-arrange fixtures during the season.

TO: Main Committee

PRE-SEASON DUTIES:

- Receive fixtures from league and competitions
- Liaise with the other Fixture Secretaries to offer and receive friendly fixtures
- Create the fixture list for all teams within the club
- Liaise with the Kent RFU Invicta and Rural & West Kent League Coordinators
- Liaise with other sections of the club in respect of other commitments (fixtures and events)
- Oversee production of the fixture card
- Forward lists of fixtures to CB Referee Society Appointments Secretary
- Book additional pitches and facilities for the season (Maidstone Leisure Centre).

IN-SEASON DUTIES:

- To confirm upcoming fixtures with scheduled opposition.
- Inform players, coaches and officials if any changes in schedule occur
- Confirm availability of pitch & club facilities for upcoming fixtures
- Liaise with other sections of the club in respect of changes
- To ensure an up to date fixture list is displayed on the club notice board taking into account changes as they occur.
- Report match results to appropriate body (if not the responsibility of the appointed league contact or other committee member)

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Good communication skills
- Well organised

TIME COMMITMENT:

- Approximately 2-4 hours per week



Maidstone Football Club

Junior Fixture Coordinator

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: To ensure that fixtures are arranged, establish a fixture list for the whole season and confirm or re-arrange fixtures during the season.

TO: Main Committee

PRE-SEASON DUTIES:

- Receive fixtures from league and competitions
- Liaise with the other Fixture Secretaries to offer and receive friendly fixtures
- Create the fixture list for all teams within the club
- Liaise with other sections of the club in respect of other commitments (fixtures and events)
- Oversee production of the fixture card
- Forward lists of fixtures to CB Referee Society Appointments Secretary
- Book pitches and facilities for the season.

IN-SEASON DUTIES:

- To confirm upcoming fixtures with scheduled opposition.
- Inform players, coaches and officials if any changes in schedule occur
- Confirm availability of pitch & club facilities for upcoming fixtures
- Liaise with other sections of the club in respect of changes
- To ensure an up to date fixture list is displayed on the club notice board taking into account changes as they occur.
- Report match results to appropriate body (if not the responsibility of the appointed league contact or other committee member)

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Good communication skills
- Well organised

TIME COMMITMENT:

- Approximately 2-4 hours per week



Maidstone Football Club

Mini (Tag Rugby) Fixture Coordinator

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: To ensure that fixtures are arranged, establish a fixture list for the whole season and confirm or re-arrange fixtures during the season.

TO: Main Committee

PRE-SEASON DUTIES:

- Receive fixtures from league and competitions
- Liaise with the other Fixture Secretaries to offer and receive friendly fixtures
- Create the fixture list for all teams within the club
- Liaise with other sections of the club in respect of other commitments (fixtures and events)
- Oversee production of the fixture card
- Forward lists of fixtures to CB Referee Society Appointments Secretary
- Book pitches and facilities for the season.

IN-SEASON DUTIES:

- To confirm upcoming fixtures with scheduled opposition.
- Inform players, coaches and officials if any changes in schedule occur
- Confirm availability of pitch & club facilities for upcoming fixtures
- Liaise with other sections of the club in respect of changes
- To ensure an up to date fixture list is displayed on the club notice board taking into account changes as they occur.
- Report match results to appropriate body (if not the responsibility of the appointed league contact or other committee member)

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Good communication skills
- Well organised

TIME COMMITMENT:

- Approximately 2-4 hours per week



Maidstone Football Club

Head Coach

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE:

- To utilise coaching and management skills efficiently and effectively to develop and enhance individual players to fulfil their potential and make a maximum contribution to the team environment.
- To engender and promote success by providing an enjoyable and rewarding rugby experience through positive coaching and aligned philosophies.
- To ensure that senior coaches have the opportunity to develop & extend their coaching skills through coordinated and planned activities.
- To assist the Director of Rugby in the development of the playing side of the Club with aim of maximising performance and results.

TO: Rugby Committee

DUTIES:

- To work towards the objectives and targets as agreed with the Director of Rugby
- To build and maintain a strong relationship with the Director of Rugby and senior coaches.
- To deliver and manage coaching as directed by the Director of Rugby and in accordance with the Coach's Club Conduct.
- To establish and maintain a comprehensive schedule of coaching and to provide records of participation at coaching sessions.
- To take a professional approach to the planning, preparation and organisation of training sessions include the development of annual training plans and individual coaching session planners.
- To ensure adequate health and safety processes and procedures are in place to support players and their development.
- To evaluate coaching sessions and to provide regular feedback on individual and team performance to players.
- To ensure that all players conform to the standards and behaviours expected of all Club Players in accordance with the Player Code of Conduct
- To supervise and provide coaching input as required on Tuesday and Thursday senior coaching evenings during the on and off-season.
- To supervise and manage the 1st XV team and support staff on match days.
- To keep up-to date with all relevant law changes and the development of techniques as part of their own personal development and that of the players.
- To undertake any other necessary and relevant duties under the direction of the Director of Rugby

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

It is desirable that candidates should have at least 3 years previous experience of coaching a senior rugby team and have achieved or be working towards a Level 3 RFU coaching qualification.

- Sound knowledge and understanding of the game and the operation of club rugby union
- High level communication skills
- Ability to engage with all players & coaches irrespective of their ability

- Ability to demonstrate a thorough approach to the coaching, management and development of others.
- **TIME COMMITMENT:** Approximately 10 hours per week



Maidstone Football Club

1st XV Team Manager

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: Represents the team on behalf of club management and ensures all team members are kept up to date with club requirements

TO: Head of Playing / Fixture Secretary / Head Coach

FOR: Relevant team(s)

DUTIES:

- Ensure that all players are correctly registered prior to the first game
- Liaise closely with Hon. Secretary to ensure that appropriate information has been provided by each player
- Ensure the safe keeping of player registration cards
- Responsible for correctly completing team sheet and information before matches
- Responsible for all club kit given to the team and ensure its prompt return at the end of the season
- Ensure that all players are correctly attired for each game
- Arrange for team jerseys to be washed each week and are available for the next match
- Ensure all players and parents know when and where they are playing each week
- Represent the team at all club meetings

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Good organisational skills
- Enthusiastic and a good motivator
- Approachable
- Good timekeeping skills

TIME COMMITMENT:

- 5-10 hours per week



Maidstone Football Club

Chairman of Selectors

ROLE DESCRIPTION

RESPONSIBLE TO: Head of Playing

RESPONSIBLE FOR: Senior Team Captains
Team Secretaries
All Players

KEY OBJECTIVES:

- To utilise management skills efficiently and effectively to develop and enhance the playing side of the Club at all levels with the aim of maximising performance and results.
- Manage an organised team structure to provide competitive rugby for all levels and abilities across the senior teams.
- To engender and promote success by maintaining open channels of communication with Captains and Players throughout the Senior Teams.
- To assist the Head of Playing in the development of the playing side of the Club with aim of maximising performance and results.

KEY DUTIES:

- To work towards the objectives and targets as agreed with the Head of Playing
- To build and maintain a strong relationship with the Head of Playing, Head Coach and Team Captains.
- To deliver and manage the Selection process as directed by the Head of Playing and in accordance with the club's Selection Policy.
- To establish and maintain a comprehensive Selection schedule and to provide records of participation and selection at Selection Committee Meetings.
- To evaluate coaching sessions and match day performances and provide regular feedback on individual and team performance to Team Captains, Coaches and the Head of Playing.
- To act as an independent arbitrator for player complaints and grievances, whether from the 1st XV Senior Players Group, Development Squad or individual players, to ensure that issues are dealt with effectively and addressed fairly, in line with the clubs Complaints Procedure.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Ensure that all players, coaches and officials conform to the standards and behaviours expected of all Club representatives in accordance with the Clubs Codes of Conduct.
- Chair the weekly Selection Committee Meeting and ensure that the clubs Selection Procedure is implemented fairly and effectively.
- To oversee the selection of the Senior teams in consultation with the Coaches and Captains in order to fulfil all our fixtures to the best of our ability and not to knowingly play a player at a level above his ability.
- Either directly or through delegation, ensure that all the Senior Teams are watched on a regular basis so that players with sufficient potential to play in the first two teams are identified early.

- To take a professional approach to the planning, preparation and organisation of the Selection Committee, ensuring that Teams Captains provide effective feedback on weekly team performance which promotes a thriving and successful team structure that provides all players with a fair and equal opportunity to both progress and enjoy their rugby to the full.
- With the Head of Playing effectively liaise with the Youth Section Chairman to agree and implement an appropriate Transition Policy for young players, that enables them to continue on their rugby journey and effectively integrate into the appropriate senior playing sides.
- Ensure that all Disciplinary matters relating to the Senior Teams are reported to the Club Secretary in a timely manner and, along with the Head of Playing, ensure that the clubs Disciplinary Procedures are followed and agreed sanctions enforced.

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

It is desirable that candidates should have experience of playing and/or coaching senior rugby to a good 1st team level and have a good understanding of the structures required to enable players at all levels to maximise their enjoyment of the game.

- Sound knowledge and understanding of the game and the operation of club rugby union
- High level communication skills
- Good decision maker
- Ability to lead, motivate and direct the activities of a team
- Ability to demonstrate a thorough approach to the management and development of others.



Maidstone Football Club

Marketing Manager

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: Working with the club to communicate effectively internally and externally

TO: Main Committee

DUTIES:

- To liaise with committee members, sub-committees and club members in order to promote the club
- Send out regular news/PR/event update to member base via email / mail
- To maintain club website for the benefit of club members by liaising with Fixtures Secretary, Social Secretary, Hon. Secretary, Press Officer, as well as festival, youth and women's rugby to deliver valuable information
- Use the website as a tool to promote the club to the local community, other clubs and potential new members
- Manage and maintain members database
- Produce artwork for posters / flyers emails as required

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Marketing / Communications experience
- Design and copywriting skills

TIME COMMITMENT:

- Approximately 5 hours per week



Maidstone Football Club

Press & Media Officer

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: To raise the profile of the club in the local community via information, publicity and promotion.

TO: Marketing Director

DUTIES:

- Build a list of local media contacts
- Produce press releases of any club events, tournaments and activities and produce articles as relevant
- Send results and anything of interest to RFU Regional Press Officer and local press as relevant.
- Invite the RFU Regional Press Officer, local press and media to events
- Keep a record of press cuttings, radio mentions and TV coverage
- To ensure articles, language and photographs reflect a fair and positive representation of all club members and the community
- Co-ordinate weekly match reports for all teams and age-groups to be forwarded to the local press
- Monitor club social media (Facebook & Twitter) to ensure use conforms to the club's Social Media Guidance

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Good reporting and communication skills
- Ability to produce coherent match reports/press releases

TIME COMMITMENT:

- Fairly consistent throughout the season - approximately 2-3 hours per week



Maidstone Football Club

Website Coordinator

RESPONSIBILITIES:

OF ROLE: To manage the MFC website & associated online forum areas.

TO: Press & Media Officer

DUTIES:

- Ensure the provision of hosting facilities for MFC website
- Coordinate web technical and design support for ongoing development of site
- Create / amend / update site as appropriate including social events , fixtures and contact details
- Recommend new ways of utilizing web environment to maximize club potential

IDEAL/KEY SKILLS FOR ROLE:

- Good understanding of technical and web design skills
- Communication skills

TIME COMMITMENT:

- Fairly consistent throughout the year - approximately 2-3 hours per week