**Person Specification** **FEMALE COACH MENTEEs**

**at the Emerging Talent Centre (2 positions available)**

**Title** Somerset FA Girls’ Emerging Talent Centre Female Coach Mentee

**Location** Strode Sports Centre, Street, Somerset, BA16 0AB (with some opportunity to travel to home and away matches)

**Responsible to** Emerging Talent Centre Manager

**Purpose of post** As part of The FA Women’s’ and Girls’ National Strategy to increase and develop female coaches, the mentee roles will support committed and ambitious female coaches who are looking to develop in their coaching pathway and gain experience of working in a Talent Pathway programme. The role of the individuals selected will be to support the delivery of practical football sessions in line with the Girls’ Emerging Talent Centre technical programme. Each coach will shadow a head coach to gain experience and insight into planning, preparation and evaluation to drive individual player development.

**Start date Wednesday 7th September 2022**

 **Centre operates on: Wednesdays**

**Time: 6pm – 7.30pm**

**Venue: Strode College Sports Centre, Church Road, Street, BA16 0AB**

**Rate of Pay** Voluntary, 1.5 hrs per week for 30 weeks. The County FA will offer opportunity for coaching bursaries (i.e. FA level 2 or UEFA B courses) on a case by case basis to invest into the coaches development across the season

**Expectations & Responsibilities:**

* The welfare of players within their designated age group
* Positive and professional attitude
* Contribute to the group as to the season progresses
* Willing to share best practice from their own coaching environments
* Passionate about developing female players
* Providing coaching and support
* Assistance in delivering a training and games programme

**Key Skills and Experience required:**

**Essential**

* Minimum Level 1 Certificate in Coaching football
* Recognised First Aid Qualification (FA Emergency First Aid or FA Intro to First Aid in Football)
* Knowledge and Understanding of Child Protection issues and hold current FA Safeguarding Children certificate
* An accepted FA Disclosure and barring Service Disclosure (FA DBS)
* Willingness to work evenings (Training nights)
* Own transport essential / access to attend training sessions.

**Desirable:**

* Understanding of Talent Identification
* Understanding of Long Term Player Development
* Knowledge and understanding of working with young players
* Ability to work in a team
* Understanding of the FA Girls’ Talent Pathway

If you are interested in this position, please complete the online application form here: <https://forms.gle/f5PgDS5KkpTZ11iu7> Closing date for all applications is **Monday 25th July 2022**.

References and qualifications will be verified ahead of any appointment to the role)

If you require the application in a difference format (hard copy, large print etc) please contact: **Rachael Lawler-Edwards**; rachael.lawler-edwards@somersetfa.com / 07951 360626

**Opportunity for Personal Development:**

Staff excelling in the FA Girl’s Talent Pathway may be identified and mentored in The FA Regional Programme. This may include shadowing or observing Regional and National staff, attending personal development days and being part of a coaches network to share ideas with staff involved with other Emerging Talent Centres in the country.

***Somerset FA acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people. We are committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice. As this role may involve direct access to young persons under the age of eighteen and/or Adults at Risk, within the context of the job or any subsequently related activities or responsibilities, the successful candidate will undergo a thorough screening process and will be required to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check through The FA DBS process. The possession of a criminal record will not necessarily prevent an applicant from obtaining this post, as all cases are judged individually according to the nature of the role and information provided.***

*Somerset FA Ltd is an equal opportunities employer and would actively encourage people from diverse backgrounds to apply.*