

GROUNDSMAN at DAVENHAM CRICKET CLUB

Reports to	Davenham Cricket Club Committee
Duration	On-going
Based at	Davenham Cricket Club
Salary	Volunteer preferably but remuneration negotiable

Purpose

To maintain and improve the cricket square and grounds at Davenham Cricket Club. The holder should be committed and passionate to delivering wickets to the high standards demanded by the Cheshire County Cricket League and ensuring the long-term maintenance and sustainability of the ground. A key element of the role is the preparation of pitches for all of the club and representative fixtures including practice facilities. The holder needs to demonstrate that they have a proven record of delivering or at the very least a plan of action to achieve the standards required.

Key areas of responsibility

Prepare and maintain the playing surface

Operate and maintain light and heavy equipment including but not limited to, mowers, rotovators, mechanical brushes, rollers, sprinklers, spreaders

Monitor the use of consumables and make arrangements for replacement

Manage and deliver to a set budget and support the efficient use of resources

Awareness of Health and Safety issues

Ensure the safe use, storage, calibration and disposal of pesticides and other like substances.

Organise a group of volunteers to maintain the wider grounds

Communicate effectively with committee, players and club

Close Season

During the close season it is appropriate to cut the square and outfield as necessary to aid and promote it's growth, checking for any disease and dissipating as necessary.

Maintain equipment and replace as necessary

Pre Season

Rolling, drag brushing and cutting of square as required

Monitoring for grass diseases and spraying as required

Mark out the square and identify the wicket ends

Soil samples to determine ongoing treatment

Fertiliser application

Cleaning and preparation of mobile covers

Ordering consumables for pitch marking etc.

During the Season

Mowing of Square as necessary and as conditions allow

Drag brushing to remove debris if required

Pitch allocation and preparation prior to each game

Marking individual pitches as necessary

Covering pitches

Repair to pitch ends to ensure safety

Regenerate pitches for use later in season

Cutting the outfield to ensure ground as a whole is ready for match play

End of Season

Order materials (Loam, Fertiliser, Seed) for end of season dressing of the square

Arrange contractors to carry out end of season renovations

Rope off the square

Arrange for all equipment, Ropes, Sight Screens, Covers, Netting etc. to be taken down and stored for the following season and arrange for replacements as necessary

Renovation of outfield will be done in line with available budgets

Working Relationships

Reports to the Management Committee of Davenham Cricket Club

Manages the club volunteers

Liaison with the County Pitch Advisors and club Pitch Advisors

Maintain good relations with both Senior and Junior sections to agree the match schedules and to ensure the maximum number games are played in the season

Qualifications and Experience

Ideally hold an NVQ or equivalent in Sports Turf Management

Be competent in handling pesticides

Previous experience as a grounds person

Understanding of current Health and Safety guidelines

Possess an understanding of the ECB Regulations and Directives in relation to pitches and match preparation.

All of the above can be gained on the job under suitable club supervision

Personal Qualities

Possess a passion for creating cricket pitches and for sports turf maintenance

Demonstrate a positive and professional attitude

Understand the need for flexibility and the need to work as conditions allow

Ability to deliver under pressure and work alone when required