**Tennis Ambassador**

University of Stirling Sport are looking to recruit enthusiastic Tennis Ambassadors to drive the success of their Tennis Programmes. The role will see Tennis Ambassadors work closely with the Tennis Development Officer and Stirling University Tennis Club committee, gaining skills in the core areas of tennis development within Higher Education. The aim of this programme is to assist with the following objectives:

* Giving more students the opportunity to play tennis
* Supporting students to develop their employability skills through tennis
* Giving more students the chance to compete in appropriate competition
* Supporting students considering a career in tennis

As part of this programme, Tennis Ambassadors will have the opportunity to engage in the following: Give it a Go, social tennis, LTA Youth and Adult classes, team trials, BUCS, SSS and Fast 4 Internal club competition.

There will be the opportunity to progress in this role, gaining training and experience over several years.

* **Role Title:** Tennis Ambassador x 4
	+ Coaching (x1)
	+ Officiating (x1)
	+ Communications and Digital Media (x1)
	+ Event Management and Sports Development (x1)
* **Progression**: Junior → Senior → Lead
	+ Entry to Senior or Lead position depends on qualifications and experience
* **Hours**: minimum 10 hours over course of academic year
	+ Volunteer position (unpaid)
	+ Can be completed as part of My Stirling Award (50h minimum)
* **Responsible to**: Tennis Development Officer

**Areas of Development**

**Coaching**

Coaches have a vital role in growing the game and developing players for the level of their choosing. Coaching opportunities at the University of Stirling range from LTA youth, student and adult social classes, right the way to our university team players and Tennis Scotland squads.

**Officiating**

A tennis official's role might be just for you. There's a whole host of different official roles that you can get involved with, including:

* line / chair umpire
* competition organiser
* referee
* court supervisor

If you want to make a difference, but don't know where to start, we can help guide your journey. Refereeing can act as a perfect part-time employment opportunity to complement your studies, with competitions taking place regularly on campus.

**Communication and digital media**

How we tell the story of what happens at the SUTC is so important. Whether it's showcasing our team players, social tennis sessions, on court challenges, or our off-court culture. All put together, it encourages the growth and success of the club, and more people playing tennis.

If you're considering a career in marketing and communications, then this type of role is a great opportunity to build up a portfolio of content, reach a wide audience and build connections across the UK tennis scene.

**Event management**

Event management opportunities at the University include our larger competitions such as the TS Open Tour, Scottish Nationals, British Tour and ITF events. Wider across the UK - think the Davis Cup and Wimbledon!

We have large teams that support the organisation and delivery of these events, and its great experience to be able to network, build connections, and to find out where your strengths in event management are.

**Sports development**

If you're interested in actively engaging more participants in tennis, creating pathways and community outreach opportunities for players, then please let us know.

Gaining experience in Sports Development, you may find yourself working with local schools and charities to provide opportunities for people to play who previously wouldn't have the chance. This can be extremely rewarding, and we can support you in creating these opportunities.

**Personal requirements**

* Mustbe a current University of Stirling student.
* Good communication skills and time management
* Must have a particular interest in tennis and developing within tennis.
* Committed to training and self-development
* Ability to use own initiative

**How to apply**

To apply, please submit a CV application with a note of interest to the Tennis Development Officer, Graeme Matheson, on gm95@stir.ac.uk.

Closing date for completed applications is Wednesday 12 October.

Interviews are planned for w/c 17 October.

**Outline**

Students will complete a minimum of 10 hours volunteering with UoS Sport within their area of development.

Training, mentoring support, and further CPD opportunities will be available to you throughout the year.

A PVG (protecting vulnerable groups) will be required for those involved in working with children and/or vulnerable groups. UoS Sport will support these applications.

**Training & Mentoring opportunities**

* Level 1 Tennis Assistant Qualification
* Level 2 Tennis Instructor Qualification
	+ Service agreement in place for UoS Sport subsidising cost of course
* First Aid Training
* Safeguarding and Protecting Children Workshop Training
* **sport**scotland – mental health and wellbeing e-learning
* **sport**scotland - Disability Inclusion Training
* LTA Court Supervisor e-learning
* Bespoke Tennis Scotland training
	+ Officiating
	+ Coaching
* Applied practical experience as part of university programmes
* Skills Development Training with external sports organisation
* Ongoing mentoring support from Tennis Development Officer and team within University of Stirling Sport and Tennis Scotland
* Workshop support delivered by Sports Digital Media Assistant

**Benefits**

* Subsidised cost of courses to support professional development
* Sports Development kit
* Develop networks and relationships with those involved in tennis at the local, region and national level
* Enhance your communication skills
* Enhance your employability skills through practical work experience
* References provided
* Approved recognition on university transcript

**Student involvement**

* Engagement in your field of interest
* Attendance at necessary CPDs
* Evidence of reflective practice