

Purley Walcountians HC Coaching Opportunity

Senior Coach (2026/27 Season)

Men's 1st XI Coach
Women's 1st XI Coach

Overview

Purley Walcountians Hockey Club (PWHC) is seeking dynamic, personable, and experienced hockey coaches to lead our Men's and/or Women's 1st XI squads for the 2026–2027 season. **We welcome applications for either role individually or for a combined dual-squad role**, with responsibilities and remuneration adjusted accordingly.

Candidates may express interest in the Men's role, the Women's role, or the combined dual-squad role.

This is an exciting opportunity to take a leading role within a club that values performance, community, and long-term player development.

About Purley Walcountians HC

Purley Walcountians HC is a long-established, community-driven club with a strong identity and a genuine sense of belonging. We are one of the few clubs in the area with our **own pitch and clubhouse**, shared with cricket, rugby, and other sports — creating a vibrant, social, multi-sport environment.

We run:

- **4 Men's teams**
- **3 Women's teams**
- **A thriving Colts section**
- **300+ members across the club**

Our junior pathway is a core strength: many of our senior players came through Colts and now lead teams, coach, or volunteer — creating continuity, culture, and pride.

Senior Team Context

- **Men's 1st XI:** London Division 1
- **Women's 1st XI:** London Division 3

We are open to appointing **one coach covering both squads** or **two coaches in separate roles**, depending on candidate preference and experience.

Ideal Fit

We are looking for a coach who is confident leading a performance squad and who can work collaboratively with the Men's and Women's Club Captains to shape the season's direction.

The successful candidate will:

- Lead matchday coaching and management for the 1st XI
 - Work closely with the respective Club Captains on player recruitment, squad selection, and team development
 - Bring energy, structure, and clarity to training environments
 - Engage positively with players across the club, supporting a strong performance culture
 - Contribute to the development of junior players transitioning into adult hockey
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Training Responsibilities

Tuesday – Men's 1st XI Training
19:30–22:00

Wednesday – Women's 1st XI Training
19:30–21:00

Training is focused on the **1st XI squads only**.

1st XI Matchday Leadership (Saturday / Sunday for Cup Fixtures)

- Lead pre-match preparation, including tactical planning, team briefings, and player engagement
 - Deliver high-quality in-game coaching, decision-making, and bench management throughout fixtures
 - Conduct post-match reviews, providing constructive feedback and identifying key development areas for individuals and the team
 - **Where fixtures overlap, the Men's 1st XI will take priority for coach attendance**, with alternative arrangements for the Women's 1st XI agreed in advance with the Club Captain
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Key Responsibilities Throughout the Season

- Conduct detailed performance and video analysis of both team and opposition
 - Design and implement tactical frameworks aligned with the club's playing philosophy and competitive goals
 - Identify, develop, and support player progression across the season
 - Create a positive, challenging, and high-performance environment that enables players and teams to reach their potential
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Additional Opportunities

- Paid coaching within our Colts programme (optional and based on availability)
 - Opportunities to run hockey camps at PWHC
 - Access to wider coaching opportunities through our network of partner clubs
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Pay & Benefits

- Seasonal fixed fee: **£8,000–£15,000**, depending on whether the coach leads one squad or both, and based on experience
- Return flight to the UK (for overseas coaches)
- Free club membership (worth £170) for player/coaches
- Free match fees (worth £10 per match) for player/coaches

Timescales

Start: August 2026

End: Mid-April 2027 (or end of season)

How to Apply

For questions or to apply, please contact:

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Informal conversations are welcome — we'd love to hear from you.