

Vacancy: Boccia National Team Coach

Gehandicaptensport Nederland is the national federation for several Paralympic sports, including boccia. The federation wants to inspire handicapped athletes to excel and enjoy the power of sports, regardless of their performance level or handicap. The national boccia program serves as an example in this: our athletes work in a fulltime professional environment and excel in international competitions.

In the Netherlands, boccia is still a young but fastly progressing sport. The fulltime program showed its first results in the past quadrennial, highlighted by a first participation and Paralympic medal in Rio. For the next cycle to Tokyo, the federation aims to strengthen the coaching staff with an extra coach. The new coach will work closely together with the head coach in further developing the program.

Netherlands has been traditionally focused on the BC1 and BC2 classes but wants to further develop the BC4 class and, on a longer timescale, the BC3 class as well. To do so, the national team coaches work in close cooperation with the talent coach to identify and develop talents on the road to Tokyo and further on.

Main responsibilities include:

- Plan, deliver and evaluate team and individual training sessions,
- Coach athletes during national and international competitions,
- Program (individual) training schedules,
- Analyse international competition,
- Coordinate practical matters around the training and competition program,
- Organise and deliver promotion and recruitment activities, for instance talent days.

Boccia is a fast developing sport and the Netherlands aim to be leading in delivering a world class program in terms of training content, work load and quality of staff. The national team coach is expected to have an innovative mindset and to be able to implement new knowledge and concepts in the program.

Requirements:

- Bachelor or Masters degree in a sports related area,
- Experience in successfully coaching international level boccia athletes,
- Adequate English verbal and writing skills,
- The ability and willingness to quickly learn Dutch,
- Willingness to move to (the neighbourhood of) Amsterdam.

The successful coach likes to work in a small team with a high level of responsibility and can work flexible hours. The central training location is currently in Groesbeek but will move to Amsterdam at the end of 2017. Approximately 6 weeks of training/competition will be abroad.

We offer:

- An exciting job in a fast developing, dynamic sports organisation,
- Professional growth possibilities,
- A competitive salary within the Dutch CLA-Sport

How to apply

Please send your CV with covering letter or video, explaining why you are a motivated and qualified

candidate for the position, to Dos Engelaar, d.engelaar@gmail.com. Any questions regarding the position can also addressed to him by e-mail or at +31 30 7513871.