



INTERPROVINCIAL U18 COACHING ROLES – ROLE PROFILE

JOB TITLE:	Girls U18 Coaches - Assistant Coach and Goalie Coach
REPORTS TO:	Connacht Hockey President
DURATION:	February 2025 – February 2026 (with possibility for continuation for a single 12-month period)

1. OVERVIEW OF ROLE

Connacht Branch is a non-profit, governing body for hockey in Connacht, which is an affiliate member of the National Governing Body, Hockey Ireland.

We are currently looking to recruit an assistant coach and goalie coach to assist the U18 Head Coach in delivering our U18 interprovincial programme. Training sessions will primarily take place at the University of Galway hockey facility in Dangan, Galway.

The U18 programme aims to develop players to participate in the Hockey Ireland Interprovincial Tournament with a view to developing pathways for elite players to progress to the national Hockey Ireland Pathway Performance Programmes.

2. KEY AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Key Responsibilities of Assistant Coach & Goalie Coach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support the delivery of the U18 programme designed by the Head Coach and provide assistance in preparing any reports to the interprovincial manager.• Progress the development of talented players so they can progress to Hockey Ireland Pathway Performance Programmes.• Attend inter-pro and club matches where appropriate.• Regularly provide feedback to players within programme.• Liaise regularly with other interprovincial coaches.• Always articulate the Core Values of the Connacht Hockey Branch, both on and off the pitch.
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3. PERSONAL SPECIFICATION

The successful candidate will be an experienced coach.

They will demonstrate the required coaching and leadership attributes, an understanding of high performance and the current trends in national and international hockey, and the capability to deliver player development which will enable each player to fulfil their potential.

4. QUALIFICATIONS

ESSENTIAL - Qualifications and Experience

- Level 2 coaching qualifications or equivalent (or working towards this).
- Ability to work as part of a team of coaches within the interprovincial programme, where no hierarchy exists.
- Proven record of player development success in multiple environments and age groups.
- Experience in implementing a comprehensive coaching programme.
- Openness and willingness to share with Connacht academy and other interprovincial coaches & managers.
- Ability to motivate and inspire.
- Excellent communications (verbal and written).
- Proven methodologies in the development of talent and performance.
- Exceptional people skills, with an emphasis on the management of player.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA

- Previous experience of working in a competitive hockey coaching environment.
- A competent knowledge of the latest coaching software systems.
- An understanding of the Irish sporting landscape, culture and mentality.

5. APPLICATION PROCESS

- Closing date for applications is the **10am on Friday 17th January 2025** with interviews expected to be completed by Friday 24th January 2025.
- A detailed letter of application and full CV (max. 2 pages) should be sent by email to Connacht Branch connachtbranchhockey@gmail.com with the subject 'Interprovincial Coach' clearly stating if you have a preference for a particular role.
- Applicants will be short-listed based on information supplied. Your application will be retained as confidential.