

GROUNDS CRICKET CURATOR

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Grounds Cricket Curator is responsible for preparing all wickets and practice areas during the cricket season including pre and post season as well as other duties as directed during the off season. In the course of this role there will be a responsibility to communicate with all stakeholders in the setting up of certain school equipment for functions, sports events and other activities around the school.

Responsible to: Facilities Supervisor

Supervisory Responsibilities: All ground staff and sub-contractors as needed

Main Areas of Responsibility:

- Prepare, maintain and repair the playing surfaces, outfield, practice areas, junior pitches and landscapes during the week and on match days when required
- Produce cricket pitch plan in-line with fixture lists in advance of season
- Ensure all pitches produced are compliant with ICC regulations
- Prepare a day to day work programme including the planning of off-peak work
- Fertilise, irrigate, drain, roll, mow the surfaces and control weeds
- Operate light and heavy equipment, including but not limited to water removal machinery, mowers, rotorvators, sprinklers and shredders.
- Operate, maintain and secure tools and equipment ensuring that the right resources are available and all equipment is correctly stored, maintained and serviced
- Maintain and repair equipment such as nets, posts and protective covers
- Assist with the erection of nets and other practice facilities at the grounds
- Ensure safe-working practices at all times and be aware of health and safety regulations
- Control and ensure the safe use of all potentially dangerous substances and equipment
- Ensure colleagues and volunteers are instructed in the use of relevant safety equipment
- Ensure the safe use, storage, calibration and disposal of pesticides and other similar substances
- Supervise work undertaken by contractors to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of workplace safety and health, as required
- Monitor recovery of the pitches as the square is a finite resource
- Rolling of square in all directions; drag brushing of square to remove worm casts, weak rooted grass, and break up fungal mycelium on grass leaves; mowing of square and outfield as required and paint marking out the square
- Take core samples of square to indicate the condition of square, monitor for grass diseases and spraying for weeds
- Inspect machines to make sure they are safe and fit for purpose
- Removal of debris off ground
- Dress, undress and move sight screens to correct pitch of play
- Monitor irrigation
- Reseed the run ups at the end of the season and renovate the square in line with the allocated budget

- Identify cost efficiencies and process improvement opportunities in Grounds area
- Contribute to the aims and objectives of the school
- Participate as a member of the Facilities Management team
- Ensure that agreed expectations are met

Other Duties

- Assist with other general grounds and gardening duties as required
- Operating school vehicles (when called upon)
- Ensure daily tasks relevant to the area are assigned and completed
- Furniture movement around the school
- Setting up marquees, trestles and BBQs
- Other duties as directed

Key Working Relationships Include:

- Grounds Co-ordinator
- Facilities Manager
- Facilities Supervisor
- Director of Finance and Corporate Services
- Headmaster
- School contractors and suppliers
- Facilities staff

Skills and Abilities Required:

- Previous experience as a curator or grounds maintenance
- A sound understanding of legislation relating to chemicals and dangerous substances
- Previous experience in a school environment would be an advantage
- Proficiency in a range of grounds and maintenance skills
- Ability to communicate professionally
- Ability to manage time and resources
- Problem solving skills and initiative
- Physically fit
- Current licences to drive all vehicles in the school fleet, clean of any misdemeanours

Qualifications:

- Recognised Trade Certificate, in a relevant area is desirable but not essential
- First aid certificate

General conditions:

- Full- time 38 hours per week plus sport set up as required
- 4 weeks annual leave, to be taken at a mutually agreed time
- Conditions in accordance with the Scotch College Grounds & Maintenance Enterprise Bargaining Agreement