

ICC Academy and Dubai International Stadium are seeking to appoint a qualified and experienced **Head Curator**, responsible for preparing cricket pitches and outfield throughout the year. The Head Curator will be responsible to communicate with all stakeholders in facilitating Cricket and other sports events and activities at the ICC Academy and the Dubai International Stadium.

About the ICC Academy and Dubai International Stadium:

The ICC Academy consists of 2 ICC accredited floodlit ovals with over 50 turf and hybrid pitches with clay from Australia, England, and Pakistan. The Dubai International Stadium, a world-class venue with a capacity of 25,000 spectators, delivering a variety of global events throughout the year. A 1.7-hectare venue with 9 cricket pitches, holds the record for having hosted the highest number of T20Is.

Specific Tasks and Responsibilities, Project Management and Delivery:

- Ensure match-day readiness at the Dubai International Stadium in terms of staff scheduling, work rosters, pitch, and outfield presentation as per ICC standards and expectations.
- Match-day preparation in terms of pre-match setup and communication with match officials and other relevant stakeholders.
- Prepare, maintain, and repair all playing surfaces, outfield, practice areas, and landscapes.
- Produce cricket pitch plan in-line with scheduled fixtures for the season.
- Ensure all pitches produced are compliant with ICC regulations.
- Prepare a day-to-day work program including the planning of off-season work.
- Experience and knowledge of non-cricket activities, concerts, and other entertainment events, in relation to minimizing turf damage and quick turnaround for the next event.
- Fertilize, irrigate, aerate, roll, mow the surfaces and control weeds.
- Rolling, mowing and paint marking of the square and outfield as required.
- Take core samples of pitch and outfield, to indicate the condition, monitor for grass diseases/insects and weeds.
- Implement modern scientific technology for the preparation and maintenance of the turf.
- Possess appropriate knowledge of the use of scientific tools and equipment to keep up to date with relevant technologies.
- Operate light and heavy turf equipment, including but not limited to mowers, tractors and all pedestrian machinery.
- Operate and maintain tools and equipment ensuring that the right resources are available, and all equipment is maintained and serviced.
- Oversee maintenance of equipment such as nets, posts, and protective covers.
- Supervise the erection of nets and other practice facilities at the grounds.
- Inspect machines to make sure they are safe and fit for purpose.
- Monitor and schedule irrigation programs via the Rainbird IQ 4 system.
- Plan end-of-season renovation on all turf surfaces.
- Always ensure safe-working practices 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.

- Identify cost efficiencies and process improvement opportunities while working within approved budget.
- Develop and maintain a capital expenditure program.
- Record keeping of all relevant information.
- Knowledge and expertise of inventory control of chemicals, soil/clays, machine parts, irrigation system

Professional Standards:

- Work flexible hours to include evenings and weekends as per business requirements.
- Provide quantitative and qualitative progress reports and any other statistical information as required.
- Adhere to the company's policies and procedures on confidentiality and the management and sharing of information.
- Maintain a flexible approach and to undertake such other duties as may be required from time to time.

Qualifications, Skills, and Experience:

- 10 plus years working as a cricket curator.
- 5-7 years working at an international cricket facility.
- Turf grass qualifications.
- Knowledge and expertise of different types of cricket clays and hybrid pitches.
- Understanding of stadium conditions.
- Experience with warm and cool season grasses.
- Planning turf schedules for maintenance.
- Must have conducted and been involved in yearly turf renovations.
- Adaptable and versatile to adjust with cricket requirements.
- Knowledge of modern scientific techniques and technologies.
- Knowledge of irrigation systems, pumps stations and components.
- Understanding of all machinery and its safe operation.
- Innovative and resourceful.
- Product research and knowledge of chemicals.
- Staff planning and training.
- All OH&S matters and compliance to legislation.
- Budgets including capital and monthly expenditure.

Remuneration:

Based in the UAE, the remuneration package is income tax free, competitive, and commensurate to experience. The successful applicant will be based, full-time across the Dubai International Stadium and the ICC Academy, and will be expected to relocate to Dubai, UAE, if not already based here.

Application process:

If you believe that you have the skills and the experience, please email your CV with the job title in the subject line, together with a covering letter detailing your current remuneration package including benefits to careers@iccacademy.com by **20th April 2023**.

Please note: Due to the volume of applications, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.