

VACANCY PITCH CURATOR

The International Cricket Council ('ICC') is the global governing body for the sport, which administers all aspects of international cricket.

We are looking for a Pitch Curator to be based at our headquarters in Dubai, UAE. The role will report to the General Manager – Cricket Operations. This role is responsible for providing ICC with specialist and expert analysis on the quality of playing surfaces (pitches and outfield) during the preparation phase for an ICC event, and to monitor the progress of any remedial work that has been identified as necessary. The role will include supporting the delivery of curator education courses, and carrying out advanced research in the areas of playing surfaces and outfield.

Principal Accountabilities

Responsibilities of the Pitch Curator includes but are not limited to the following:

ICC Events:

- Oversight of the planning and preparation of playing surfaces for all ICC events (global and regional).
- Where required, conduct a physical inspection of playing surfaces and production of a status report and where relevant, action plan. Regular follow-up with host curators on work required under the work plans.
- Electronic communication with hosts of regional events to discuss with curators the condition of venues and to request emailed reports. Review of these reports and provision of appropriate advice and guidance.
- Review of proposed pitch rotations for ICC events.
- Attendance at ICC events as required to monitor conditions and to support curators in the production of high-quality playing surfaces.

Member Support Services:

- Develop curator CPD educational programs and produce support resources for Members.
- Support the delivery and planning of current ICC Pitch Curator Education and Regional Masters Trainers Programmes.
- Availability to travel to Member countries as requested to provide advice and guidance as may be requested from time to time.

Research and Member Resources:

- Conduct a review of the extent of use of hybrid and drop-in pitches around the world and analysis of how these different types of pitches are performing under different conditions and types of preparation/maintenance.
- Develop artificial (pitch and outfield), and hybrid pitch minimum quality guidelines for Members to support their playing surface investment decisions.
- Periodically review and recommend any changes to the ICC annual handbook pertaining to pitch and outfield conditions.
- Set up a register of ground equipment and machinery suppliers, and a directory for hybrid, drop-in and artificial suppliers and experts.
- Compose a register of all different clay and grass types from across the world and include information on where they are suited to grow and how they are maintained.
- Better understand current Full Member ground drainage systems employed, and research new technologies that could support cost effective enhancements in this area.
- Recommend new methodologies that could support the pitch rating process.

Knowledge, Skills, Attitude and Experience

- An understanding of wicket characteristics across international venues
- Experience of working with different clay types around the world
- Experience of preparing playing surfaces for international cricket
- Experience of delivering pitches for tournament requirements
- A thorough knowledge of pitch preparation and drainage techniques
- An appreciation of different working cultures and techniques around the world
- An understanding of the developments in hybrid and drop-in pitches
- Experience of collaborating with international broadcasters and delivering on TV expectations
- Extensive renovation knowledge and how to best repair / rejuvenate old pitches
- Research and data analysis of cricket pitches with modern equipment
- Result Orientated - the existence of a positive, 'can-do' mentality, anxious to find ways round obstacles and willing to exploit all the available resources to accomplish objectives
- Self-management – can plan effectively and be organised
- Teamwork – the ability to work collaboratively with others to achieve objectives
- Active listening – can listen and provide constructive feedback to ensure requirements are met
- Industry knowledge – clear understanding of the characteristics of international venues around the world
- Professional standards - takes responsibility and is accountable for driving personal standards

Conditions of Employment

- The role is based in our headquarters in Dubai, UAE.
- The selected candidate will be required to provide two recent work references and
- The compensation offered will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

If you can meet the challenge, please email your CV, with a covering letter detailing your current salary, benefits, and expectations, to recruitment@icc-cricket.com.

The last date to respond to this advert is Wednesday, 25 September 2024. Due to the overwhelming number of quality applicants, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.