



Athlone Swimming Club are seeking applications for a

New Head Coach

The Head Coach will play a key role in setting out the vision and strategy for the club and be instrumental in contributing to the ongoing success of our swimmers at local, provincial, National and International level. The Head Coach will lead a team of assistant coaches and oversee the management and organisation of all our various swimming groups from Junior level through to Senior level.

LOCATION: Athlone Regional Sports Centre, Cloghanboy, Athlone, Co Westmeath

START DATE: September 2023

WORKING HOURS: 16 hours poolside coaching per week, attendance at competitions as set out on swimming calendar and 6 to 10 hours administration weekly.

REPORTING TO: Athlone Swimming Club Committee

CONTRACT TYPE: Fixed Term Contract

REMUNERATION: A generous package available – €Salary plus benefits

ABOUT THE CLUB:

Athlone Swimming Club came about in 2003 with the amalgamation of two swimming clubs in the town at that time. In the past twenty years Athlone Swimming Club has developed into a thriving club with over 150 members that has catered for all levels from our Junior programme through to Senior National and International standard. Our swimmers have excelled at the highest level, with over eleven different swimmers in the past twenty years earning an International call up. We have held numerous individual and relay Irish records in that period and our swimmers have competed at European Junior, European Youth Olympics, World Junior and World Youth Olympics.

We are seeking a Head Coach who aspires to coach at the highest level in a dynamic and rewarding atmosphere with the full backing of a hardworking coaching team and energetic committee. Our new Coach will also nurture and support our non-competitive members and continue to identify new talent and help each swimmer to achieve their full potential to the best of their ability.

Athlone Regional Sports Centre is a state of the art facility with every piece of up to the minute equipment you could need. A bright, airy, spacious pool area with superb gym facilities, all under the one roof makes for a very positive working environment. Athlone is a vibrant, attractive, bustling university town with lots to offer. With factors such as shorter commute times and lower cost of living than Irelands larger cities. Its proximity could not be better, situated on the banks of the River Shannon – just over an hour from Dublin and Limerick, and just under an hour to Galway.

DUTIES:

- Provide a safe and positive environment for all Athlone Swimming Club members
- Be a positive role model by motivating and encouraging all swimmers at all levels to reach their full potential
- Mentor and support all assistant coaches with session planning and educational advice as required
- Develop a long term strategy for all squads incorporating all macro and micro cycles appropriate to the level of each swimming group
- Build on our existing gym programme and be available to attend one gym session a week with our Junior swimmers
- Monitor all swimmers progress and set out a promotional pathway for all groups
- Attend a committee meeting on a monthly basis and provide a progress report and competition update
- Be available to attend all competitions, advise swimmers on entry choices, record times and offer feedback after every race
- Be able to develop positive relationships with parents and swimmers through effective communication
- To comply with the rules, policies and procedures of both Swim Ireland and Athlone Swimming Club
- To comply with all safeguarding and CPD requirements of Swim Ireland

SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS:

- Strong leadership and communication skills
- Approachable, organised and punctual
- Swim Ireland Level 2 Coaching Qualification or equivalent is essential
- Swim Ireland / Sport Ireland Safeguarding Level 1 Certificate
- Swim Ireland Garda Vetting
- Valid Swim Ireland Coaching Licence

APPLICATIONS:

Formal applications by email to swimathlone@ymail.com with an up to date CV and details of all relevant qualifications and experience. Informal queries can be made in confidence to current Head Coach Johnny Powell on 086-8358750

