

OPPORTUNITIES

at City of Birmingham Basketball Club

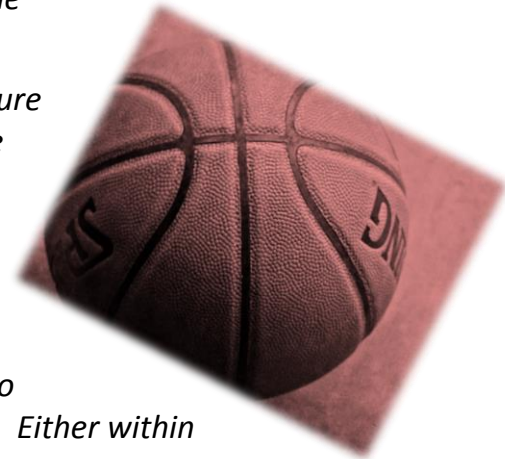


As we start 2016, with a record number of players involved, the club is bringing opportunities to budding players around the city. You are at the centre of a swell of interest in our sport and in our club, which is becoming one of the largest basketball operations in the country.

As a club that we can already be extremely proud of, we want to ensure that this growth results in a sustainable legacy, to involve and inspire generations of players to come, and that the efforts of our members are fully rewarded.

With this in mind, we have identified opportunities to involve individuals who have a love for the sport - yourselves.

Gaining experience in fields that interest you will both help the club to progress, and provide you with valuable experience to carry forward. Either within City of Birmingham, the sport generally, in education, or eventually in your career – these opportunities would provide mutual benefits to the club and those individuals who volunteer, including real experience, tangible results and references.



Game Day Managers

Interested in events Management? Ever thought being a waiter was a bit glamorous? Are you good at organising things? We need a small team to greet guests, possibly sell food, make sure half-time entertainment is bang on schedule, and liaise with the rest of the match day team. Another opportunity to enhance your CV.



Statisticians



Bit of a number buff? There are some great apps available to collect match stats. If anyone is doing any maths or stats projects or coursework, what less painstaking and more enjoyable way of collecting your own data than analysing your favourite sport?!

Supporters group

We need one thing from you – noise! Know a regular supporter who talks the talk? Get together and put your mouth where, well, where your mouth is! Songs, chants, encouragement - we want the supporters group to be the team's sixth man - are you up to it? Developing an online forum, Facebook page or discussion group would also be great, if that's your thing.



Publicity / Communications Manager

This could be one role or split into two. If hundreds of people follow you on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook etc, then you could be exactly the type of person we're looking for.



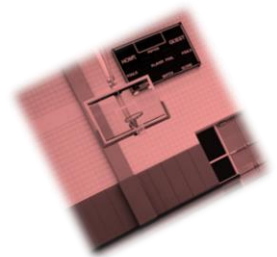
Whilst an interest in publicity and communications would be an advantage, no vast experience in social media is required - as it simply didn't exist 20 years ago!

(If you're older than about 21, and definitely if you're over 25, then you're probably too old!)



Performance/ Basketball Education Officer

The club is already involved in coaching courses. If you're interested in these, or in taking a current qualification a bit further, let us know. Ideal if you are on a sports based course, for example.



Commentator

Again, not so difficult if you give it a go. As long as you know a bit about basketball, can remember player's names, and speak clearly - then just say what you see!



Cameraperson



To record men's home matches using either your own or the club's equipment, then provide the video for editing or upload straight to YouTube. Also possibilities to record club events and sessions.

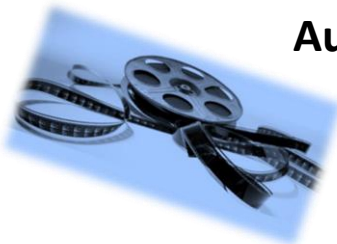
Even if this means simply setting up and positioning the camera, this could be done as a pair or a team (for example, one set up the camera at the start of the session, and another put it away at the end). This work could form a valuable part of coursework or study.

Photographer

If you don't own a camera, it may be possible to provide one. Again this could be part of the portfolio of work for professional use or a course of study. We're looking to obtain both action shots, and team and player photos, usually at Nechells, but not exclusively.



Audio and Video Editors



For photos, videos and video interviews. These would be used for the club's website and social media comms, and for uploading to the club's YouTube channel. Again this could be integrated with the cameraperson or photographer opportunities above, but could of course be done away from matches and sessions, at the editor's own leisure.

Also, if you ever hear the sound bites at the men's matches and get ideas of your own, get editing and we could use some of your sound creations!

Website – Development, authoring and administration

There are no strict timings for this, just regular updating within reasonable time after matches and events, at the volunteers' convenience. The editing tool currently used for the website is WordPress (courses are available in this). Experience of this could be attractive to prospective employers, or useful if you hope to one day run your website.



Reporter



Primarily for seniors matches. Reports would need to be of publishing standard and submitted by Sunday evening to be published in the week in the Birmingham Mail –an excellent opportunity for budding journalists!

Interviewer

To quiz the men's team members and coaches. Simply have a discussion with your guest about basketball, the club, and themselves. The recording can then be edited and uploaded - a great starting point for any budding performers or chat show hosts out there!



to make you a more lucrative, opportunities materialise.

Filling some of these roles will really help propel the club forward, at which point we can hopefully offer some more exciting opportunities. Volunteering now could help hone your skills and provide the experience to prime candidate if and when further, potentially

For further information, or to volunteer, please contact Rob Palmer or Sunny Gill, email CoBOpportunities@hotmail.com, or send a message to the City of Birmingham Facebook page, or @cobbasketbal on Twitter.