



INDEPENDENT CHAIR

Organisation

Volleyball England

Salary

This role is non-remunerated. All reasonable out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed.

Location

Board meetings are normally held at the National Office at the Sports Park Loughborough.

Contract type

Volunteer (Part time) Duration four (4) years

Closing date

26 June 2017

Job Description

Volleyball England is the recognised National Governing Body for Volleyball, Beach Volleyball and Sitting Volleyball in England. Volleyball England is responsible for the development, promotion and delivery of Volleyball across England.

Volleyball England is working hard to modernise the image of the game and support the club infrastructure across the country. This includes developing and maintaining our network of Clubs, Coaches and Referees, of Volunteers and of players of all standards and ages irrespective of gender and background.

Volleyball England is currently looking to appoint an Independent Chair to provide strong leadership and support the delivery of our 2017 / 21 strategy.

The role of Independent Chair is crucial to the work and effectiveness of the Board. The Chair should not only be prepared and able to take on additional commitments, but they must be able to operate at a broader and higher level. The Chair must be able to command the support of the other members of the Board, the membership, the staff team and organisation's partners. In bringing leadership, specialist skills and experience to Volleyball England, the right candidate will be independent of any and will understand all the areas of specialism which board Directors may possess.

Volleyball England is fully committed to the principles of equality of opportunity and is responsible for ensuring that no applicants, staff, volunteers, or participants are unlawfully discriminated against on the grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation (together the "Protected Characteristics"). Volleyball England welcomes applications from all sections of society

How to apply

For more information, please contact Keith Nicholls, Acting President on

Telephone: 01603 454471

Email: keith.nicholls@volleyballengland.org

Candidates should request an application form from Hannah Winsbury on,

Telephone: 01509 227723

Email: jobs@volleyballengland.org

Submissions by post are acceptable and should be sent to:

Mr Keith Nicholls
The Acting President
Volleyball England
SportPark
Loughborough University
3 Oakwood Drive
Loughborough
LE11 3QF

NOTES

Currently the Head of the Board is the President who is elected biennially by the members. Subject to the members agreeing to change the Articles of Government the post at the next AGM it will become an Independent Chair from that point. The next AGM is on 29th July 2017. The Board of Directors is conducting the appointment process in the belief that the members will agree to the required Article changes. The appointment will only be confirmed when the Articles have been changed.

Definition

An Independent Chair – a person is independent if they are free from any **“close connection”** to the organisation and if, from the perspective of an objective outsider, they would be viewed as independent. A person may still be deemed to be ‘independent’ even if they are a member of the organisation and/or play the sport.

Examples of a **“close connection”** include:

- a) they are or have within the last four years been actively involved in the organisation’s affairs, e.g. as a representative of a specific interest group within the organisation such as a sporting discipline, a region or a home country;
- b) they are or have within the last four years been an employee of the organisation; or
- c) they have close family ties with any of the organisation’s Directors or senior employees.

