



INITIATIVE/CAMPAIGN

Professional Player to Coach Scheme

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“The Professional Player to Coach Scheme really is a game-changing programme. Helping members access new, fulfilling careers in the game is central to the union's work, and we're proud that this scheme has been so successful in doing just that

MARK JULES
PFA Coach Educator

WHAT IS IT?

The Professional Player to Coach Scheme is a joint programme led by the PFA, Premier League and EFL designed to increase the number of Black, South Asian and Minority Ethnic players who transition into full-time coaching roles in the professional game. Open to PFA members, every season the scheme provides six budding coaches with a two-year placement at a Premier League or EFL club within either the Academy or first team set-up. Participants work through an individual learning programme, covering aspects of coaching like physical performance and recruitment, to analysis and administration. The scheme is designed to facilitate and encourage the flow of diverse former playing talent into coaching.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

PFA members from Black, South Asian or Minority Ethnic backgrounds are invited to apply for the programme and those successful applicants are then partnered with their Premier League or EFL placement clubs. The scheme is fully inclusive - available to both male and female members of all ages and at any stage in their careers, either inside or outside of the game. Once successfully onboarded, members receive mentoring from PFA Coach Developers, ensuring a smooth transition into their new club environments.

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WHO IS INVOLVED?



PFA



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