



Established 1958

Head Racquets Professional

The Lake Forest Club is seeking a full time Head Racquets Professional. The ideal candidate will have a passion for teaching, a deep knowledge of the game, and the ability to inspire players of all ages and skill levels. This role involves managing all aspects of the tennis, paddle, and pickleball programs, including instruction, tournaments, social events, and private lessons. Our club features 12 har-tru tennis courts, 4 platform tennis courts, and 2 pickleball courts.

Position Overview

The general roles and responsibilities of the HRP will be to deliver a range of services customarily provided by a PTR Professional or a USPTA professional. These services will include, but are not limited to:

- Be a passionate ambassador for the games of tennis, paddle, and pickleball.
- Provide private and group lessons for tennis, paddle, and pickleball - to both adults and children.
- Play tennis, paddle, and pickleball at a high level and provide instruction to members of varying skill levels to facilitate skill development and relationship building.
- Assure a consistent, efficient, and seamless daily operation of Club-wide racquets operations; provide members and guests with an environment that exceeds the values of the Club
- Enthusiastically encourage member participation by assisting the DOR and also planning new events to promote the sports and fellowship in the Club. Organize, schedule, and manage tournaments, clinics, round robins, social events, and other racquets related activities to maximize members' access to and enjoyment of our facilities.
- Together with the DOR, help create a comprehensive events, leagues, and activities program to include social, competitive and instructional programming for all levels.
- Participation and administrative responsibilities in the LFC shop, junior summer camp.
- Understand the department's POS operations to ensure accurate member billing and accurate sales/activity reports.
- Work in tandem with the Club's highly regarded Maintenance Staff.
- Enforce all the Club's Rules and Regulations governing use of the facilities, equipment, dress code and sportsmanship as set forth by the Club.

Experience

- A minimum of three (3) years of progressive leadership/racquets management experience in (preferably) a private member-owned club with multi-dimensional operations, or leading racquets operations outside of the club industry in a similar hospitality operation. An assistant racquets professional at a reputable club and racquets program will be seriously considered with appropriate experience and mentorship.
- Exemplary communication (both written and spoken), interpersonal skills, and the ability to work cooperatively with all staff. The candidate must possess a proven ability to attract and develop players of all abilities.
- Someone who is a champion of new ideas and initiatives, looking to consistently improve the patron experience and operational efficiency.
- The candidate will exhibit excellent organizational, technological, and time management skills and have a 5.0 playing competency in tennis, paddle, and pickleball.
- A passionate professional who loves education, and self-development, and who possesses a “growth-minded” mindset.

Education and Certification Requirements

- College degree from a 4-year accredited university is preferred, or equivalent working experience in the racquets industry.
- Certified as a PPR, USPTA, or IPTPA for pickleball, and PTR or USPTA Elite professional tennis is a requirement. Ideally, the candidate is certified in all both sports OR is progressing on this path.
- The Director of Racquet Sports designation through the University of Florida is encouraged, or looking to attain. Endorsed by the USTA and certified through the PTR and USPTA, this is the “CCM” of the Club management world.
- Knowledge of court maintenance including Har-Tru, clay courts, and hard surfaced pickleball courts.

Employment Eligibility Verification

In compliance with federal law, all persons hired will be required to verify identity and eligibility to work in the United States and to complete the required employment eligibility verification form upon hire.

Salary and Benefits

Compensation package includes a competitive salary in addition to on-court instruction fees for clinics, group programs, events and individual lessons. Benefits include medical insurance, dental insurance, and employee meals.

How To Apply

Interested candidates should prepare a thoughtful cover letter and resume and provide your LinkedIn address. Please forward cover letter and resume to Tori Nugent, Director Of Racquets tori@lakeforestclub.com.