



LETTERKENNY RFC HEAD COACH WANTED FOR 2018-2019 SEASON



We are a small, but ambitious club with great facilities in Letterkenny, Co Donegal. You may recall that in 2005, we made global headlines when we invited the All Blacks to visit our club in Co Donegal, to name our pitch Dave Gallaher Memorial Park in honour of the Original All Black Captain.

Since that historic visit, we have redeveloped our club with loans, fund raisers and Lottery funding to build a brand new state-of-the-art clubhouse and playing complex.

We are very ambitious, and despite being based in an area without a 'traditional' rugby-playing school, Letterkenny Rugby Club have developed an enviable record at youth level rugby with many Ulster youth players during the last 12 years. Most recently we have produced two of upcoming young players Joe Dunleavy and Conor McMenamin who gained international honours for the Irish U20 and U18s sides. Joe Dunleavy has made it into the professional rugby through the Ulster Academy and recently played in the Irish team in the U20 RWC scoring a try against France.

We have a panel of trained and qualified coaches across all age groups from mini rugby through youth rugby. The club has seen an explosion of interest in rugby at under-age level particularly as Irish international and provincial success has promoted the game within Ireland. This development of such remarkable local talent has been almost entirely due to the hard work work of the club and its volunteers.

Our focus is based on enjoyment, player development and building the right culture for our young players to transition through mini, youth and into senior rugby and beyond.

Having recently secured the services of former Ulster coach Brian McLaughlin in an part-time advisory coaching capacity, Letterkenny Rugby Football Club now seeks to build on its undoubted potential by appointing a paid head coach for the 2018/19 domestic season for the first time.

This will be part time position, but for persons moving into the area, there are many potential opportunities in many sectors for employment or in education. We will do our best to make your time in Donegal as enjoyable as possible. Outside rugby, Donegal is an amazing place to live and has recently been named as the 'coolest place on the planet' by National Geographic 2017. Superb scenery, outdoor pursuits and friendly people in friendly restaurants and pubs. It is also a world class surfing destination!

The successful candidate will primarily be responsible for coaching the club's 1st XV and U20s sides. Letterkenny RFC currently have one senior men's team competing in the Kukri Ulster Rugby Championship Division 3, a newly-established U20s team with high potential as well as a thriving youth and mini section. They club also plans to unlock the rugby playing potential that exists within Letterkenny Institute of Technology, home to 4,000 third level students from all over Ireland.

Applications/enquiries can be sent by email to: letterkennyrugbypro@gmail.com or in writing to Letterkenny RFC, c/o Donegal Orthodontics, Ballyraine, Letterkenny, Co Donegal