

NZ SCHOOLS TEAM COACH

Position Description

Responsible to	Orienteering NZ Council through General Manager
Tenure	From appointment to the completion of the New Zealand Schools Team 2014/15 competitions in Perth, Western Australia 27 September to 5 October 2014 and Tasmania 7-8 January 2015.
Purpose	The primary role of the NZ Schools Team Coach is to assist the NZ representative team to perform to the best of their ability and to improve upon previous results achieved by New Zealand representative teams in Australia.
Personal qualities	<p>The position requires an internationally experienced orienteer with sufficient time to devote to the role, with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excellent communication and motivational skills• Sound interpersonal skills• The ability to organise and plan• Coaching experience with a thorough understanding of the techniques involved in competitive orienteering• Coaching NZ and senior NZOF coaching qualifications (or equivalent) <p>The Coach is expected to travel to Australia with the team.</p>
Remuneration	<p>Cost of travel will be funded by the Orienteering NZ.</p> <p>Direct expenses will be paid on provision of receipts and only within the budget allowance, as agreed.</p>

Principal Tasks & Performance Expectations

Foster team spirit within the squad

- Assist the Manager with the management of the team (see below)
- be alert for any dissension within the team and quickly move to resolve it
- encourage full participation in team activities
- encourage open discussion within the team but avoid individual dominance

Assist individual members of the team to achieve their full potential by support, guidance and motivation

- analyse individual performance (competitive) and technical skills (training)
- encourage group and individual discussion of performance
- advise team members on such matters as training programmes, health, injuries etc.
- endeavour to establish trust and respect in individual relationships
- use motivational techniques appropriate to each individual
- confer with Manager on any behavioural or other matters that may have a detrimental effect on the team

Assist the Manager in promoting the purpose of the Team to NZOF members and the wider New Zealand public.

- provide information on team activities
- publicise results/activities of the team
- work within the NZOF's sponsorship obligations