

National Team Positions 2018

Orienteering Australia is seeking volunteers interested in the positions of team coach and team manager/assistant coach for several national teams for 2018.

The national team positions are:

Bushrangers Test Match, June 2-4, Auckland NZ

1. Team manager and assistant coach.
2. Team coach.

JWOC, July 1-14 2018, Finland

3. Team manager and assistant coach.
4. Team coach (first preference given to Australian Junior Development Squad Coach, Brodie Nankervis).

World University Orienteering Championships, July 9-21 2018, Hungary

5. Team manager and assistant coach.
6. Team coach.

World Orienteering Championships, July 28 - August 11, Latvia

7. Team manager and assistant coach.
8. Team coach (first preference given to OA Head Coach, Jim Russell).

The dates for all teams except the Bushrangers test match include a week of training and familiarization prior to the championship week.

The positions are largely voluntary but most costs of travelling to and attending the championships will be met by Orienteering Australia.

For greater continuity of coaching it would be helpful if the team coach for WUOC was also willing to be coach of the National Development Squad and if the JWOC team manager and assistant coach was willing to be coach of the Targeted Talented Athlete Squad.

Responsibilities

Team managers and assistant coaches are responsible for all arrangements for the team prior to and during the championships. We would like the person to:

- Arrange official entries for the team.
- Coordinate travel and organize accommodation for the team.
- Provide information to all team members on arrangements, ensure a supportive team environment and ensure high team morale.
- Manage the finances of the team through appropriate budgeting and cost recovery.
- Organise publicity for the squad/team among the orienteering community.
- Assist the team coach in the conduct of training activities and coaching and in management of athletes on race days.

- Coordinate with other officers in the High Performance Program about team arrangements.

We would like team coaches to:

- Communicate regularly with athletes and their coaches to ensure they are prepared physically, technically and mentally for the championships.
- Generate strong team cohesion and morale through communication prior to the championships and through activities and a supportive environment will overseas.
- Liaise with the Head Coach and other Orienteering Australia officers in preparing for the championships.

Attributes

We expect people interested in the positions would have the following experience and skills:

- Coaching qualifications, or willingness to get qualifications or learn current coaching techniques.
- Understanding of the demands of elite orienteering and how to prepare physically, technically and mentally for major international events.
- Open and positive communication with athletes, other coaches and officials.
- Enthusiasm and understanding of how to get the best out of athletes and provide a positive development experience.
- Sound organizational skills.
- A working with children police clearance (for positions working with juniors).

Interested?

If you are interested in helping out with the national teams please contact Jim Russell, OA Head Coach (oaheadcoach@gmail.com ; 0411 125 178) or Ian Prosser, OA High Performance Administrator (ian.prosser11@gmail.com; 0439 668 151). We would like to fill these position by the end of November 2017.