



JOB TITLE: National Coach

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Department: Hockey

Reporting to: Hockey Director (HD)

Key relationships Hockey NZ CEO, Hockey Director, Hockey NZ Development Manager, Hockey NZ Team Services Manager, Assistant Coaches, NHL Coaches, National Age Group Coaches, NZAS, NZOC, SPARC Performance Consultant, National Selectors and International Coaching Networks

High Performance Vision: A consistent top six world ranking.

Main Objectives:

- To be responsible for the selection, preparation, coaching and performance of the NZ Team and National Senior Squad and the teams' results in international competition
- To be responsible for the continuing development of a high performance culture
- To contribute to the leadership and longer term development of the HP programme including but not limited to High Performance Coach Development, Talent Identification and Elite player development and player and coach succession processes.

KEY TASKS

(a) NZ Team and National Squad

Hands on Coaching

- Be responsible for the coaching and preparation of the NZ Team, National Squad and individual team members

Planning and monitoring

- Create, maintain and develop plans in for:
 - The New Zealand Team
 - The National Squads
 - Individual athletes
- Monitor and evaluate athlete performance and store relevant data to ensure standards are met and potential is maximised
- Utilise NHL Coaches to assist with the monitoring and skill development of athletes in the regions

Programme management

- Develop and manage the NZ Team support staff
- Drive the provision of support services to the team, squad and individuals
- Integrate the application of innovation and technology into the team programme

Selection

- Hold the position of Convenor of Selectors
- Actively and regularly communicate with selectors to aid selection of National teams and squads
- Communicate directly and in timely manner to players re selection process, criteria

(b) Contribute to the leadership and development of the wider HP programme

- To oversee the programmes for the other National Squads as directed by the HPM
- To contribute to development opportunities for coaches and HP staff
- Model the values of the HP programme
- Regular feedback to HPM as part of accountability
- Lead the development of National squad leadership team