



POSITION DESCRIPTION - WHEELCHAIR RUGBY HEAD COACH

Wheelchair Sports Australia is calling for applications for the position of Head Coach for the Australian Wheelchair Rugby team.

Term of appointment

The term of appointment will be from 31 July 2005 to 30 June 2006, however the position will be reviewed at 31 December 2005.

Pending a successful review at the conclusion of this period the coach may be offered a further extension through to the 2008 Paralympic Games without the position being re-advertised.

Responsibilities

The head coach will be responsible for:

- directing and overseeing the team's support staff;
- selection of the Australian Squad, and travelling teams for tournaments, in consultation with the program's Joint Management Committee;
- the preparation of the team, including the organisation and conduct of training camps, overseeing and monitoring the programs of squad members;
- coaching the team during competitions;
- setting the team's program and creating an operational plan, in consultation with the program's Joint Management Committee;
- liaising directly, where appropriate, with the club or personal coaches of the athletes ;
- where appropriate, liaising with state programs to progress players through the Athlete Development Pathway to national squad level;
- develop a network of wheelchair rugby coaches;
- representing the team with media if required;

- preparing and submitting reports on each competition activity and providing other reports on the team's progress as required;
- all other areas which are relevant to the team's performance

Key Competitions

The major competition for 2005 is the Oceania Zonal Championships to be held in South Africa 28 November – 3 December 2005.

Australia will also be contesting the Chris Handy Cup to be held in New Zealand 27 September – 1 October 2005.

Please note, team selections for these competitions will be made after the National Championships in August.

Other key dates (including training camps and 2006 competitions) will be determined in consultation with the Joint Management Committee.

Relationships and communication

The head coach will be directly responsible to the Executive Officer of Wheelchair Sports Australia who will oversee the approved program.

The head coach will work with the Wheelchair Rugby Joint Management Committee to plan and implement an operational plan.

The head coach may also be required to work closely with Australian Paralympic Committee staff.

Remuneration

For the first 5 months of the appointment the head coach will receive an honorarium to cover expenses incurred in the carrying out of their duties. This payment will be approximately \$2,000 but may be negotiable and will be paid on or about 31 December 2005.

After the review in December, this position may become a part-time position and payment will be negotiated at this time.

Wheelchair Sports Australia will pay all reasonable expenses incurred when the head coach is involved with approved team activities. This includes documented phone calls, travel and accommodation expenses.

If the head coach is injured when they are involved in team activities, they will be covered under the Wheelchair Sports Australia sports injuries insurance policy.

Applications

Applications for the position of Head Coach should include details of all relevant experience.

Please send applications to:

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Applications close Friday 15 July 2005