

NZ Coaching Strategy and Community Sport Coaching Plan

Why are the NZ Coaching Strategy and Community Sport Coaching Plan needed now?

There have been several significant changes in coach development over the last five years which have created the need for the refreshed strategy and new Community Sport Coaching Plan. The most significant changes have been:

- the development of the Sport New Zealand Participant and Athlete Pathway
- the establishment of a Community Sport team within Sport New Zealand
- the creation of High Performance Sport New Zealand (HPSNZ) and a High Performance Coaching Plan.

What process was used to develop the Strategy and Community Sport Coaching Plan?

There has been an extensive consultation process over the first six months of 2012 involving a working group from the sector, various teams at Sport NZ and feedback from NSO Coaching Directors and RST Coaching Managers. There has also been close and regular collaboration between the Community Sport and High Performance Sport coaching advisors.

What are the key features of the refreshed NZ Coaching Strategy?

The Coaching Strategy provides a visual representation of the strategic framework underpinning coach development over the next eight years. In doing so it highlights that coaching is primarily participant and athlete focused and that coach development should focus on coaching communities that align with the different stages of participant and athlete development.

Why is a separate Community Sport Coaching Plan needed?

Sport NZ now has a clearer focus on Community Sport development so it is important to focus on the coaching communities that service the community sport area. The issues and challenges within the Foundation and Development Coaching communities are significantly different to those within the High Performance community.

Why does the Community Sport Coaching Plan include the Performance Coaching Community?

The Performance Coaching community is the transition stage between community sport and high performance sport. Both the High Performance Coaching Plan and the Community Sport Coaching Plan address this area, but as HPSNZ has a very defined and targeted focus on the High Performance area, the Community Sport Coaching Plan will take the lead in fostering collaboration across the performance area.

What key outcomes are sought under the Community Sport Coaching Plan?

Four key outcomes are sought:

- greater recognition for community sport coaches
- better coaches
- more coaches
- a more positive community sport environment.

What is the key to the Community Sport Coaching Plan achieving its goals?

The key will be effective collaboration across the wide range of organisations that deliver community sport. These include Sport NZ, National Sporting Organisations, Regional Sporting Organisations, Regional Sports Trusts, community funding agencies, territorial authorities, clubs, schools and the coaches themselves.