

Para Event Group Plan – 2021-22

Purpose

Para Event Group Plan initiatives must:

- 1) Support the ANZ-HP targeted outcomes of:
 - 3 Gold Medals, 5 other Medals at the 2020 (2021) Paralympic Games.
- 2) Provide strategic leadership for the Para Event Group aligned with the “ANZ-HP 2021-2024 Strategic Plan” and the “Athletics NZ 2028 Coaching Plan”.

Specific Responsibilities

Event Group Plan initiatives must:

- 1) Ensure that the ANZ-HP meets its PPS/PDS commitment to provide at least one national lead Event Group opportunity for the 2021 PPS/PDS squad members and their coaches.
Note: Depending on Event Group budget limitations these may be self-funded initiatives
- 2) Ensure that Para Event Group requirements timetabled for the 2021 Athletics NZ National Conference are well organised and effectively delivered in consultation with the Athletics NZ Coach Development Lead (Kirsten Hellier)
- 3) Continue to develop current Para Advisory Panel, who will take an interest in the Para Event group.
Note: This may be done remotely if “face-to-face” gatherings are not viable re budget constraints OR held in consultation with competitions or Event group initiatives.
- 4) Take a lead role to improve the capability and capacity of Athletics NZ Para Athlete coaches at all levels (i.e. Updating with changes in rules, specifications etc)
- 5) Identify new athletes for national and International classification from Halberg Games and NZ Secondary School Champs.
- 6) Provide development camp for new nationally classified para athletes and their coaches in specific para events (i.e. wheelchair, seated throws)
Note: Depending on Event Group budget limitations this may be self-funded
- 7) Continue to work with ANZ Community team to ensure integration of ANZ events (including Classic events)

Event Group Co-Ordinator Responsibilities

- As an employee of the ANZ-HP Program the ANZ-HP Para Lead Coach reports to the ANZ-HP Director (Scott Goodman)
- However, in relation to the delivery of the Para Event Group plan they will also work in close consultation with the Athletics NZ Coach Development Lead (Kirsten Hellier) and Rebecca Foulsham (Classification Manager)

Specifically, the ANZ-HP Para Lead Coach will liaise with the Athletics NZ community to:

- Facilitate effective relationships with them
- Enhance the harmony between them, and
- Collaboratively develop and implement an “Athletics NZ 2021 Para Event Group Plan”
- Manage the ANZ-HP Para Event Group budget in consultation with the ANZ-HP Director (SWG) and the Athletics NZ Coach Development Lead (Kirsten Hellier)
- Work with the ANZ-HP Director, ANZ-HP/HPSNZ Staff/Coaches to establish an ANZ-HP culture and enhance the overall value of Athletics NZ support.

2021-2022 Para Event Group Initiatives

All Events

- Classification opportunity and development Camps (NZSS (December 2021) and South Island (February 2022) inviting athletes who have competed at the North Island, South Island and NZ Secondary Schools Champs who are not part of the PPS or PDS Performance squads.
Snap-shot: The intention here is to bring athletes together for national classification, specific coaching, update of WPA rules and regulations and information on para athletics programme.
Funding: This is a predominately user-pays initiative with Athletics NZ covering key items like venue hire, staff time and the like.
- 2022 WPA World Champs potential athletes to be held in conjunction with ITM Classic Christchurch in February 2022 inviting athletes who have already qualified and those that are tracking towards 2024 Paralympics and 2022 & 2023 WPA World Champs.
Snap-shot: The intention here is to bring athletes together for competition at WPA approved event, update on Tokyo campaign logistics, update of WPA rules and regulations and information on forthcoming WPA and ANZ competitions.
Funding: An application to be made to a Trust in Canterbury. If unsuccessful, this is a predominately user-pays initiative with Athletics NZ covering key items like venue hire, staff time and the like.

Throws

- Athletes to be invited to Throws Event Group activities.
Snap-shot: Throws coaches and athletes will be invited to attend throws camps focused on throwing technique and training strategies.
Funding: This is a predominately user-pays initiative with Athletics NZ covering key items like venue hire, staff time and the like.

Jumps

- Athletes to be invited to Jumps Event Group activities.
Snap-shot: Jumps coaches and athletes will be invited to attend jumps camps focused on jumping technique and training strategies.
Funding: This is a predominately user-pays initiative with Athletics NZ covering key items like venue hire, staff time and the like.

Sprints, Hurdles & Relays

- Athletes to be invited to Sprints, Hurdles & Relays Event Group activities.
Snap-shot: Sprints, Hurdles & Relays coaches and athletes will be invited to attend Sprints, Hurdles & Relays camps focused on technique and training strategies.
Funding: This is a predominately user-pays initiative with Athletics NZ covering key items like venue hire, staff time and the like.

Middle Distance

- Athletes to be invited to Middle Distance Event Group activities.
Snap-shot: Middle Distance coaches and athletes will be invited to attend Middle Distance camps focused on technique and training strategies.
Funding: This is a predominately user-pays initiative with Athletics NZ covering key items like venue hire, staff time and the like.

Advisory Panel: Raylene Bates, John Eden, Scott Goodman, Jess Jones, Rebecca Foulsham, Kirsten Hellier