

RIO Gold 2011.12



Background

This is a High Performance Development Programme. This is not to be confused with a development programme for the sport in general.

The RIO Gold level is an Athletics New Zealand generated squad level that sits directly below the 4 SPARC funded performance levels.

The direct target is the 2016 Olympics and an athlete would be chosen due to tracking towards a top 16 finish.

It is primarily, a programme based support system, to affect those athletes who show sufficient ability or potential to be able to move to the SPARC funded levels within 2 years at a maximum.

Positioned below the Gold level are those athletes who have dropped below the previously achieved Gold level or are within a close enough distance to be seen as a reasonable investment towards the 2016 goal. This is the Silver level.

Benefits

Gold Athletes:

- Support to the May Autumn Camp (levies apply)
 - Travel
 - Accommodation
 - Food
- \$500 services grant from the following range (must be pre approved)
 - Sports Medical
 - Physiotherapy
 - Nutrition
 - Sport Psychology
- Competition support
 - Programme initiated domestic competition
 - Possible financial contribution
 - New Zealand Black Singlet competition contribution
 - Sum dependent on overall cost
 - Not guaranteed
- National Event Coach support
 - via communication channels
 - 1:1 opportunities
- Any other programme initiatives that may be of value to the athletes' development.

Gold Coaches

- Support to the May Autumn Camp
 - Travel
 - Accommodation
 - Food



- National Event Coach support
 - Technical input (where appropriate)
 - Programming support
- Access to Coach Development initiatives

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Silver Athletes

- Invitation to Event specific activities e.g. Camps, Clinics
 - Partial subsidies
- Competition support
 - Programme initiated domestic competition
 - Possible financial subsidies
- National Event Coach support and monitoring
- Appropriate programme initiatives that may be of value to the athletes development.

Silver Coaches

- Invitation to Event specific activities e.g. Camps, Clinics
 - Partial subsidies
- National Event Coach support
- Appropriate programme initiatives that may be of value to the athletes development.

PYO Athletes & Coaches

National Event Coaches may generate activities that provide opportunities to the greater event/event groups athletes and coaches; invitations may be made to attend by the NEC.

This will be by invitation only and at the cost of the athlete invited to attend.

Coaches may request attendance and this will be up the NEC to decide. Again, attendance is at the cost of the coaches.

Athletes' Responsibilities

The balance to the benefits of inclusion in this squad, are the responsibilities necessary as a Squad member. These include:

- Willingness to support the HP Programme
 - Including attendance at Squad gatherings
 - This applies equally to the Coach of the athlete
- Prompt completion of requests
 - Squad Forms
 - Travel Information etc
- Maintenance of communication