



## **COACHES OFFICIAL BRITISH ORIENTEERING KIT**

The official kit for British Orienteering qualified coaches, Level 2 and above, was made available for purchase from February 4<sup>th</sup> 2006. A letter to all Clubs and Associations encouraging them to assist coaches, if at all possible (in full or in part), with funding towards the cost of coaching kit was sent out at that time.

It was made clear that the provision of an official kit for coaches is just one of the measures being taken by British Orienteering as part of a long term plan to help raise the visibility and image of coaching and the coaches themselves within our sport. To a large extent the sustainability of an active club is dependant on the club having a pool of active qualified coaches to help attract and encourage new members and improve the performance of existing junior and senior members. It is evident that the enthusiasm, hard work, effort and dedication of coaches helps to produce a more 'lively' and active club.

Clubs and Associations already give their coaches a lot of support with the costs associated with coach, tutor and assessor education courses, update courses and first aid courses as this obviously helps British Orienteering.

Clubs and Associations know that financial assistance with the purchase of the official British Orienteering coaching kit is, just another way in which coaches can be supported, rewarded, thanked and encouraged.

Clubs and Regional Associations have also been made aware of the paragraph included on the kit order forms which reads...

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** Although coaches are required to purchase their own kit and British Orienteering is unable to subsidize the cost other than through the generous discount obtained from CRAFT it is hoped that coaches may be able to reclaim all or part of the cost of their kit from their Club or Regional Association funds.

British Orienteering will encourage Clubs and Associations to offer financial assistance and reward their coaches in this way but it will be up to the coach to approach the necessary people if they require such help.

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