

WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER FUTURE STRATEGY FOR AND FUNDING OF THE PERFORMANCE PATHWAY

The Issue

Sport England ceased to give financial support to the Performance Programme in 2017. It is likely that they will withdraw the current funding from the Talent Programme in 2021.

This will then be the first time for at least 20 years that the Performance Pathway of British Orienteering has been without significant funding from statutory bodies such as UK Sport and the four Home Nation Sports Councils* This is therefore an appropriate time for a thorough review of the performance part of the "Orienteering Development Pathway" – Learning to train through to performing at World class level."

The review will consider

- Aim of the Performance Pathway – taking as a starting point output from the 2018 Clubs and Association conference.
- Guiding principles.
- Current situation and issues.
- Potential solutions and their evaluation.
- Funding.

This review is to be undertaken by a small working group to be set up under the leadership of Mark Saunders (BOK/SWOC). It will consult widely with all stakeholders - Athletes, Leaders, Coaches, Parents and others.

Timescales

1. Recruitment of Working Group Members by open advert and selection of a balanced group – by end of January 2019
2. Kick of meeting – February 2019
3. Current situation and issues – including thorough consultation with all stakeholders - by end of April
4. Consideration of potential solutions, initial evaluation and funding options – by end of June
5. First draft report with recommendations- to other members of T&P steering group by end of June 2019
6. Final report agreed by T&P steering group September 2019 for consideration by the Board and publication to the wider membership.

* Note. Whilst the working assumption is that there will be little or no external funding from the likes of Sport England, this should not be taken to mean that British Orienteering have given up trying to get such funding.