



Independent Director, legal and governance – British Orienteering

Location: N/A

Organisation: British Orienteering

Salary: Voluntary unpaid

Closing date: 6th July 2018

British Orienteering, the national governing body for the sport of orienteering in the UK is seeking to appoint a non-executive Independent Director with a strong legal and governance background. Previous board experience is not necessarily a requirement. The appointment will be initially from September 2018 following which it is potentially renewable for two periods of three years.

We are a growing sport, striving to build on our past success by expanding our participation base into new markets and aiming to continue our record of punching above our weight in international competitions. We are a dynamic and forward-thinking organisation, with over 10,000 individual members, a staff of ten, and a turnover in 2017 of £812,889. In summer 2015 we were hosts of the World Orienteering Championships, described by the International Orienteering Federation as “superb” and by international competitors as offering the best courses they had ever run.

This is a fantastic opportunity to help shape the strategy for the development of orienteering in the UK at a key time in the history of the sport, engaging with a range of partners, funding bodies, a committed volunteer workforce and the grassroots membership.

The Role:

The main duties of the Independent Non-Executive Director will be:

- To contribute to the effective monitoring of strategic objectives and provide informed challenge and debate in relation to all aspects of British Orienteering activity
- To advise, guide, challenge and support the executive team
- To act as an ambassador of British Orienteering

The successful individual will be able to demonstrate independent judgement, clear strategic thinking, the ability to think creatively and a willingness to speak your own mind.

Requirements:

- An impressive track record of success in the private, public and/or voluntary sector
- The ability to operate effectively at board level
- A good understanding of the role that sport plays in society
- Ability to think creatively and strategically; the skills to enhance and constructively challenge current thinking at Board level

- A clear commitment to improving diversity and equality and understanding the needs of under-represented groups in sport
- A willingness and ability to develop a solid and collaborative working relationship with the executive team
- An understanding and experience of the legal and governance aspects is essential

Independent Non-Executive Directors will be full members of the Board and will attend all Board meetings. In addition, it is expected that Independent Non-Executive Directors will sit on one or more Board committees.

The Board currently holds four full-day face-to-face Board meetings per year. Board teleconferences take place in between these, typically four times per year, generally on weekday evenings and lasting around an hour.

Orienteering is an ambitious sport, as such we are keen to attract a wider pool of talent to their board to help the sport attract and integrate with a wider participant base, better reflecting today's society. We welcome applications from all sections of the community, regardless of age, race, colour, sex, marital status, religion, ethnic origin, nationality, disability or sexual orientation.

As these appointments are for Independent Directors, candidates must not have been employed by British Orienteering, been Directors of British Orienteering, or have been involved in any national-level committee or group of British Orienteering in the ten years prior to their application.

How to apply

Individuals wishing to discuss the role further prior to application can contact the current Chair of British Orienteering, Judith Holt, at chair@britishorienteering.org.uk or the CEO. Peter Hart at phart@britishorienteering.org.uk.

To obtain an application pack, please contact info@britishorienteering.org.uk. All applications must be received by 17:00hrs Friday, 6th July 2018. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to interviews, which will take place week commencing 25th July.