



PRELIMINARY ENTRY REQUEST (PER) - for COACHES

Historically Coaches accompanying athletes to overseas events have been those who have athletes in the team. This has worked well for small teams. However:

- Coaches with athletes who aren't in the teams often don't get the opportunity to coach at international events - *our aim is to change this*
- As trips are self funded, the financial strain on Coaches of athletes who are selected for more than 1 overseas event a year can make continuing to accompany an athlete costly - *our aim is to have athletes feel confident competing overseas regardless of who is coaching them*
- The reliance on only a handful of Coaches to coach internationally means we have an opportunity to improve the depth of experience in this area - *we are currently working to develop a strong contingent of experienced Coaches*

We have a core focus of developing our WNZ Coaches and one part of that is to offer you the opportunity to gain international experience, independent of whether you have an athlete from your club competing in the team at an event.

The **Preliminary Entry Request (PER) for Coaches**, gives you the opportunity to indicate if you want to be available for selection to the current calendar of 2024 events.

Trips are still self funded, and submitting a PER does not mean you have made a commitment that you're unable to change. It also does not mean automatic selection as a Coach.

Coaches will continue to be selected based on a number of High Performance criteria including:

- a commitment to the pathway of Competition Coaching (we view this as involving different skills to being a great Training Coach)
- prioritising athlete welfare and safety
- a high standard of respect and professionalism shown towards all athletes and other people within the Weightlifting NZ community
- ability to work positively within a team environment

All events that are currently on the international calendar are listed on the Coaches PER with the exception of the 2024 Oceania Championships and the 2024 IWF World Cup.

Next to each event is a deadline for indicating availability as Coaches names have to be entered on the same Preliminary Entry Form that is used for athletes.

<http://tinyurl.com/Coaches-International-Events>

If you have any queries on the PER or your suitability to Coach at International events please contact either

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