

Dundee Community Orienteering

Contract for orienteering trainer to deliver a series of Community Orienteering Activities during Spring / Summer 2021

Background

Despite its size, there is currently no orienteering club based in Dundee, with the majority of Tayside Orienteers members living in the western area of Tayside and Perthshire. There is significant interest in developing opportunities for participation in orienteering in the city, driven especially by Dundee Active Schools, and whilst Tay O is supportive of this they have limited capacity to progress any development. Following on from an Introducing Orienteering course which was held for Active Schools staff in summer 2020, the SOA development team wishes to create some opportunities for members of the local community - children, families and other adults - to try out the sport. A further driver for this is the World Orienteering Championships 2024 in Edinburgh which lends itself to wider publicity and promotion of the sport, especially in an urban setting. In-curricular orienteering is currently being developed in two school clusters within Dundee and it is hoped that these playground-based activities may spark in interest with some children to try orienteering out with school. This contract is to help deliver a wider set of activities to build on interest generated through the schools and WOC 2024, to provide an opportunity for anyone in the community to try out the sport.

Specification

The timing and detailed planning of the orienteering activities will be dependent on the situation with regard to Covid-19 and the restrictions which that places on participation in orienteering during the coming spring and summer. Three possible models are:

- A series of weekly evening sessions running during late spring, May-June time (preferred option)
- A more compact set of daytime “holiday camp” style sessions run during July
- Or, a series of “after-school” sessions running from mid Aug through to mid Oct

The intention would be that the sessions are open to all, children and adults, but with a particular focus on family participation.

Required Skills

The contracted trainer would work alongside the SOA development team (Sarah Dunn and Fran Loots) to plan and deliver the sessions. Remote support will be offered with provision and advice on suitable areas, overall series planning and specifics of session planning. The trainer would be responsible for all the necessary on site work including map printing, control hanging and delivery of the sessions. The trainer should either have a recognised qualification in coaching orienteering, be an experienced orienteer with some teaching

background, or be an experienced outdoor instructor with a background knowledge of the sport. Registration with the PVG scheme through Scottish Orienteering will be required.

Terms

The contract will be awarded on the basis of a fixed price of £1000 to prepare and deliver the set of 8 sessions (note this might be a set of 8 separate evening sessions or 4 days with separate morning and afternoon sessions).

For further information and expressions of interest, please contact sarah@scottish-orienteeing.org, with a resume of your background and skill set.