



Premier Coach Appointments January 2020

Global advertising contributed to over 20 applications, Somerville HC is now proud to announce the appointment of its Premier Coaching staff for the 2020 season.

Jason Butcher: (Butch)

Jason has been appointed as the Premier women's coach and will assume a new role of Senior Coach Mentor and direct the clubs current 3 Academy programmes.

Jason will be remembered as Auckland Hockey's Technical Director from 2010 to 2013. In this role he successfully revamped Auckland's High-Performance programme, his final year saw Auckland winning 7 of the 10 National finals, a feat that has never been repeated since. From Auckland Jason moved to Western Australia to take over the High-Performance Manager role until last year. Amongst a stellar coaching career Jason has performed roles as a support Coach/Selector for Hockey NZ, Assistant coach Hockeyroos / AIS and worked at Northern Territory and South Australia Institutes of Sport.

Jason is looking to resettle his family in New Zealand having loved the lifestyle and people in his time here. "I'm really excited about returning to Auckland with my family and catching up with old friends, I'd also like to think after 7 years, a wiser man returns, bringing a whole of sport philosophy and am thrilled to be able to provide leadership to one of the most highly regarded clubs in the country".

Jason has taken a full time Sport Department role at Diocesan School and will look to continue the close relationship that local schools have with Somerville HC in its catchment area.

Liam Koorey:

Liam has been appointed Premier Men's Coach. Liam is a former Canterbury Regional and High-Performance coach from 2012 to 2014. He has filled Head Coach and Assistant Coach roles for the Canterbury U18, U21 and NHL programmes.

Liam has Premier Coach experience in Canterbury and Western Australia, more recently he has spent the last 3 years employed in Berlin, Germany as "Head of Men's Hockey at Charlottenburg Sport Club" where he filled a Coach development role instituting programmes for the club. He also filled an appointment as Head Coach during that time.

Liam has worked at St Bede's College in Christchurch as a Sport Coordinator developing coaches and is qualified in the Sport fitness industry.

General:

Somerville HC is grateful for the work of former coaches Katie Glynn and Barry Middleton. Providing opportunities for coaches to grow and develop young talent remains a priority at the club. Both Premier teams and coaches will continue to work together to ensure a cross pollination of thoughts and practices.

Simon Norton

Coaching Director

Somerville HC