

Position Description

Position:	New Zealand Open Team Physiotherapist
Responsible for:	To provide physiotherapy services to New Zealand teams.
Reports to:	NZ Open Team Manager
Type of Position:	Fixed term (Jan 2019 – Nov 2020)
Key Relationships:	New Zealand Open Team management, high performance athletes, Sport Manager, other support service providers, other SLSNZ staff and volunteers.
Location:	Flexible.
Remuneration:	Voluntary position; expenses paid for.

About SLSNZ Surf Sports

Sport has a long and proud history within surf life saving. Surf Sport is delivered regionally and nationally for a number of key reasons:

- To reward lifeguards who volunteer their time to patrol beaches.
- For the entertainment of members and the wider Surf Life Saving community.
- For lifeguards to improve their fitness and lifeguarding skills so they are better lifeguards.
- To find our champions and provide pathways for them to represent New Zealand.

Strategic Goals 2015 - 2020:

1. **Participation** - A vibrant and attractive sport leading to growth in participation, membership and the sustainability of our clubs.
2. **Events** – a high quality and exciting event calendar with iconic and attractive events for participants to enjoy.
3. **Coaches** – Capable coaches at all levels supporting and developing a growing athlete base
4. **Internal capability** – capability and resources to deliver the sports strategy.
5. **High Performance** – Back to back World Champions in 2016, 2018 and 2020.
6. **Officials** – Capable officials at all levels helping deliver successful events and athlete satisfaction

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Purpose of the Position:

To provide physiotherapy services to the New Zealand Open team including the 2020 World Championships Team.

The NZ Open Team Physio will be responsible for;

- Provision of sports therapy and physiotherapy services to the NZ Open Team during camps, tours or campaigns.
- Provision of health and wellbeing services and advice to NZ Open Team.
- Provision of timely information and advice on the status of each athlete with regard to any injuries, illnesses or concerns.
- Being an active member of the New Zealand Open Team Management in the preparation and performance of Surf Life Saving New Zealand Open team.
- Assist with the planning and delivery of high performance campaigns, camps and workshops as mutually agreed with the NZ Open Team Manager and SLSNZ Sport Manager.

- Contribute to the collaborative high performance environment with athletes, coaches and support personnel

Role Expectations

- Regular and timely communication and reporting with the NZ Open Team Manager and other members of the Management team.
- Attend pre determined international events as agreed with National Sport Manager and NZ Open Team Management team (the make-up of NZ Open Team Management teams may vary depending on the event, development needs and available budget).
- Available for weekend workshops and camps where necessary and as mutually agreed.

Desirable attributes

1. Physiotherapy skills:
 - Current practicing physiotherapist.
 - Physiotherapy qualification.
 - Massage expertise and practical experience.
 - Ability to manage time effectively and plan accordingly.
2. High performance sport experience:
 - Experience with high performance athletes and teams.
 - International touring experience.
 - Knowledge of surf life saving sport (preferred).
3. People Skills:
 - Exceptional interpersonal and communication skills.
 - Ability to create positive relationships and support team culture.
 - Positive and enthusiastic.
4. Innovation:
 - Creative problem solving capability.
 - Ability to identify and implement improvement opportunities.
 - Willing to challenge the status quo.
 - Willing to learn, receptive to new ideas and concepts.
5. Personal characteristics:
 - Highly motivated and energetic.
 - A passion for success and sporting achievement.
 - Personal honesty and integrity.
 - A team player.