

Position Description

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| Position: | New Zealand Youth Team Manager |
| Responsible for: | Efficient and effective management of the NZ Youth teams |
| Reports to: | National Sport Manager |
| Direct Reports (3): | NZ Youth Team Coach, Assistant Coach and Physio |
| Type of Position: | Fixed term (Jan 2019 – Nov 2020) |
| Key Relationships: | New Zealand Youth management team, athletes, Sport Manager, other SLSNZ staff, event staff and support service providers. |
| Location: | Flexible |
| Remuneration: | Voluntary position; expenses athlete funded |

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

The efficient and effective management of New Zealand Youth teams including:

- Prepare and manage New Zealand Youth team plans for selected international events.
- Lead the team when in camps and competitions.
- Ensure athletes and teams are in the best possible condition for competing.

Key Responsibilities

1. In conjunction with the NZ Youth Team Coach develop and implement a team plan for international events the New Zealand Youth Team competes in between Jan 2019 and November 2020
 - Coordinate and complete a full management team report at the end of each campaign.
2. Lead the team when in camps and competitions
 - Act as the lead spokesperson of the NZ Youth Team both in New Zealand and overseas.
 - Develop and maintain agreed SLSNZ and team standards and policies.
3. Develop and maintain effective communication and relationships with key personnel.
 - In conjunction with the Management team create the desired culture and environment for the NZ Youth team.
 - Maintain effective liaison between the team (athletes and management) and relevant staff at SLSNZ and other service providers.
4. Coordinate and undertake with SLSNZ staff and other Management team members key aspects of campaign planning including:
 - Budget.
 - Camps and workshops.
 - Communication strategy.
 - Travel arrangements.
 - Equipment transport and return.
 - Accommodation.
 - Uniform and other suppliers.
 - Sponsorship relationships.
5. Assist with the planning and delivery of high performance campaigns, camps and workshops.
6. Contribute to the collaborative high performance environment with athletes, coaches and support personnel.

Role Expectations

- Regular and timely communication and reporting with National Sport Manager.
- Attend pre determined international events as agreed with the National Sport Manager and NZ Youth Management team (the make-up of NZ Youth Management teams may vary depending on the event, development needs and available budget).
- Manage a variable workload. Periods of inactivity, majority of periods with an average of 2 – 3 hours work a week. Peak times around campaigns up to 15 hours per week and full time while leading the NZ Youth team.
- Available for weekend camps where necessary.

Desirable Attributes

1. Management
 - A successful record as a manager at regional level or significant experience as a club manager, this experience may be outside of surf life saving
 - Experience in international travel and touring
 - Literacy with World Life Saving Championships preferable
 - Ability to manage time effectively and plan accordingly
 - Strong organisational and planning skills
 - Demonstrable project management skills
2. Leadership
 - Demonstrable leadership skills
 - Proven ability to present / facilitate forums
 - Demonstrable ability to think strategically

3. People Skills

- Exceptional interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to create positive relationships and team culture
- Takes personal ownership of tasks and activities
- Provides constructive and timely feedback
- Considers and understands the need to build capability of the team
- Communicates clear expectations and enforces accountability

4. Innovation

- A creative problem solving capability
- Ability to identify and implement improvement opportunities
- Willing to challenge the status quo where required
- Willing to learn, receptive to new ideas and concepts

5. Personal Characteristics

- Rapport and respect from the surf lifesaving community
- Highly motivated and energetic
- A passion for success and sporting achievement
- Personal honesty and integrity
- A team player

SLSNZ Organisational Values and Competencies

“Making a difference through a commitment to outstanding performance”

1. Leadership

- Empowers and inspires others
- Consistently demonstrates professionalism
- Positively represents team members and SLS

2. Communication

- Displays clear and concise communication in a timely manner
- Communication is open, frank, constructive and positive
- We keep our word

3. Learning Agility / Innovation

- A pro-active approach to self improvement
- Strong work ethic and personal drive
- Commitment to continuous improvement
- Open and flexible to change

4. Managing people

- Takes personal ownership of tasks and activities
- Provides constructive and timely feedback
- Considers and understands the need to build capability of the team
- Communicates clear expectations and enforces accountability