

Position Description

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

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 and support to the New Zealand Youth squad and teams.

The NZD Team Physio will be responsible for;

- Provision of sports therapy and physiotherapy services to the NZ Youth Team during camps, tours or campaigns.
- Provision of health and wellbeing services and advice to NZ Youth 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 NZ Youth Team Management in the preparation and performance of NZ Youth teams.
- Assist with the planning and delivery of high performance campaigns, camps and workshops as mutually agreed with the NZ Youth Team 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 Youth Team Manager and National Sport Manager.
- Attend pre determined workshops, camps and events as agreed with NZ Youth Team Manager (the make-up of NZ Youth Team management teams may vary depending on the event, development needs and available budget).

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 (preferred)
 - 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