



Maori Participation in Sport Policy

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1. Purpose

USNZ seeks to ensure that we are actively promoting opportunities for Maori as participants, leaders, coaches and managers in all University Sport New Zealand activity. This policy establishes some interim measures designed to foster greater Maori participation in USNZ, and help us to identify ways we can better serve the Maori student community.

2. Policy

- a) USNZ recognises the importance of the partnership between Maori and non-Maori, and the status of Maori in our society as expressed under the Treaty of Waitangi.
- b) USNZ recognises Te Mana Akonga as the national representative body of Maori university students
- c) Central to the relationship between USNZ and Te Mana Akonga is a common understanding that Maori, will have an important role in developing and implementing strategies for Maori.
- d) The emphasis of this relationship shall be based on;
 - » **Partnerships:** as the conduit for working with iwi, hapu, whanau and Maori communities to develop strategies to increase Maori active participation in sport and physical recreation on and off campus
 - » **Participation:** as the channel to involve Maori at all levels of university sport in planning, development and service delivery to improve Maori health through participation
 - » **Protection:** ensuring that Maori wellbeing is protected and improved as well as safeguarding Maori cultural concepts, values and practices.
- e) USNZ will actively engage in consultation with the Maori student community to develop opportunities for greater Maori student participation in University Sport New Zealand events

- f) USNZ will ensure that there are no obstacles, cultural or otherwise, to Maori participation in University Sport New Zealand events

3. Procedures

- g) In order to facilitate greater Maori student participation in USNZ:
 - » Maintains an ex-officio position upon the USNZ Executive for a Te Mana Akonga representative, with responsibility for Maori sport policy and development.
 - » Undertakes to develop an event specifically targeted for Maori to held each year

4. Policy Approval Information:

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5. References or Appendices:

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