

Ignite 7s Men's Physiotherapist

The Ignite 7s tournament is an initiative designed to identify and showcase emerging talent, serving as a critical step in the national talent pathway for men's rugby. We're looking for an experienced and proactive physio to join the support team for the Ignite tournament. You'll play a vital role in supporting player welfare, injury prevention, rehabilitation, and performance readiness throughout the tournament. You'll be embedded in team culture, working closely with coaches and managers.

					
Location	Team	Leader	Employment Type	Direct Reports	Span of Control
Tauranga	Men's High Performance	NZR Medical Team	Fixed Term (4 th -8 th November)	Nil	Nil
Key Stakeholder Groups NZR High-Performance Team, All Blacks 7s management, NZR Medical Team, NZR Rugby Operations Manager (Team Services)					

What You Do

- Provide physiotherapy support including injury assessment, management, and rehabilitation.
- Coordinate and complete player medical screening to determine they are medically fit to participate in training and in games.
- Deliver prehab, recovery, and injury prevention strategies aligned with best practices.
- Monitor player health and workload, reporting to coaching and medical leads as required.
- Recognise, remove from play, and manage any player with suspected concussion.
- Maintain accurate treatment records and support return-to-play protocols.
- Support pitch side care during training sessions and matches.
- Build positive, trust-based relationships with young athletes and support staff.
- Contribute to campaign planning, daily schedules, and post-campaign medical summaries.
- Is responsible for ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all participants under the age of 18 from a safeguarding perspective.

What You Bring

Key experience and skills include:

- Current registration with the New Zealand Physiotherapy Board.
 - Valid World Rugby Immediate Care in Rugby Level 2.
 - Confidence in recognising signs of head injury and concussion and a strong understanding of community concussion guidelines.
 - Experience in sports physiotherapy, preferably in rugby or contact sports.
 - Strong understanding of adolescent athlete development and wellbeing.
 - Ability to work collaboratively in a high-performance team environment.
 - Confidence in managing acute injuries in a fast-paced training and match setting.
 - Available for duration of Ignite.
 - A calm, professional approach and sound clinical judgment under pressure.
 - Excellent communication and organisational skills.
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