



UNIVERSITY & TERTIARY SPORT
NEW ZEALAND



UTSNZ Membership Services and Support

About UTSNZ

University and Tertiary Sport New Zealand (UTSNZ) is a member service organisation.

We exist to serve our members and work with them to resolve issues relating to the university and tertiary sport sector. We strive to promote and foster the importance of university and tertiary sport as an integral part of tertiary student life across New Zealand tertiary institutions.

Together with our Members, we are responsible for taking a collaborative approach and ensuring national consensus on the priorities and actions required to support and enable sustainable university and tertiary sport opportunities.

Our primary focus is on the facilitation of quality events and collaborative partnerships that benefit tertiary participation, as well as the provision of expertise and leadership.

We aim to deliver and integrate national policy that enhances and facilitates opportunities for competitive participation in sport for students at a regional, national and international level.

Furthermore, we focus on providing a broad range of leadership and development activities for students and advocacy services for members.

By achieving our goals we will contribute to:



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

SPORTING PERFORMANCE

STUDENT WELLBEING



Recognised National Organisation

UTSNZ is recognised as the national organisation representing university and tertiary sport by stakeholders, partners, and members, including:

- Sport New Zealand
- High Performance Sport New Zealand
- The International University Sports Federation (FISU)
- New Zealand Universities
- National and Regional Sporting Organisations (NSOs and RSOs)
- Local Government departments of sport and recreation

Currently, New Zealand's eight universities make up the Membership of UTSNZ.

UTSNZ members receive several services and benefits for their membership. These services and benefits are underpinned by the UTSNZ strategy.

This paper provides an overview of the more visible services and benefits offered to UTSNZ members.

Relationships

UTSNZ has a number of key relationships within the national and international sport sector to ensure the voice of university and tertiary sport is heard and that sporting opportunities are maximised.

A snapshot of key relationships include:

Sport NZ - UTSNZ advocates and promotes tertiary sport participation, programmes and facilities highlighting the value of the tertiary sector to sport.

High Performance Sport NZ – UTSNZ provides competitive sporting pathways for aspiring high performance athletes, and receives funding support for international events, in particular the World University Games.

School Sport NZ - UTSNZ has an MoU with School Sport NZ in recognition of the importance of secondary to tertiary participation pathways.

National Sporting Organisations (NSOs) – UTSNZ works closely with NSOs in the development and delivery of high quality events, as well as selection of international teams.

FISU - UTSNZ is engaged in committees and working groups of FISU and membership provides access to FISU world events - sport, educational and leadership.

FISU Oceania – currently a New Zealand appointee is Vice President giving UTSNZ an insight into FISU programmes and activities.

Other National University Sport Federations (NUSFs) – UTSNZ has relationships with various NUSFs with the aim to provide opportunities for members including tours, exchanges and sharing of information



Representation and Advocacy

Our university and tertiary institutions are motivated by success and in particular successful students. Institutions are therefore primarily interested in the impact sport has on student experience, student achievement and student well-being.

Our sport sector partners want students to develop a life-long love of sport and being active, maximising participation and engagement. They want a strong and sustainable sports system.

Our students want to be a part of something that's successful, quality and which creates a positive life experience. They want to feel a part of a team, be recognised and connect with others.

Success will be maximised when we come together.

It is the strategic coming together of the tertiary and sports sectors in a way that can help realise the full potential of sport that will maximise the value for New Zealand tertiary students on campus, in competition and in our communities.

A key objective of UTSNZ is to proactively represent and advocate for (and on behalf of) the university and tertiary sport sector. This includes representation and advocacy on and off campus to ensure that university and tertiary sport has a wide reaching voice both in and out of the sport sector.

UTSNZ remains focused on investing in the area of advocacy and lobbying and will work with members to ensure it is leading, advocating and influencing tertiary sport delivery through knowledge, evidence and insight.

Our aim is to:

- ensure the value of university and tertiary sport is understood, respected and valued.
- align the value of participation in sport with the well-being of students.
- to provide a framework for university and tertiary institutions to compete through a range of opportunities, regionally, nationally and internationally.

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Services and Support

Membership of UTSNZ entitles a university to the following services and support:

- Participation in the National Tertiary Championship Series - national inter-tertiary event series made up of standalone championship events across the following sports; Rowing, 3x3 Basketball, Futsal, Volleyball, Badminton, Ultimate, 5x5 Basketball and Netball.
- Opportunity for student participation/selection at international events - including the World University Games - Summer and Winter, World University Championships and University World Cup events.
- Access to the Tertiary Challenge events series - a suite of online and physical events offering the opportunity to trial new and/or aspiring sports, formats and events that otherwise may not be represented at a tertiary level.
- Access to student leadership initiatives, including the UTSNZ Student Athlete Commission, FISU Volunteer Leaders Academy and Student Ambassador programmes.
- Access to student volunteer opportunities providing valuable career development experiences, including the UTSNZ Workforce Development Programme and FISU World University Championship Volunteer Programme.
- A structured internship programme for students to provide them with valuable career experience.
- Ability to represent the sector through the UTSNZ Board, Board appointed committees or working groups, as well as through UTSNZ's relationships with New Zealand National Sporting Organisations.
- Option to host a stand alone championship event on your campus providing the opportunity to promote sport on campus.
- Tailored suite of marketing collateral to compliment promotion of participation opportunities for students at UTSNZ events.
- Promotion and endorsement of Member events.
- Attendance at UTSNZ regional forums including the option to share best practice.
- Assistance with strategic planning and sport policy development.
- Provision of networking opportunities and introductions to other universities abroad.
- Connection to NSOs whereby universities could offer complimentary support to NSO and other high performance programs via facilities or other resources.
- Voting rights at UTSNZ annual general meeting.
- Opportunity for staff and students to attend tours or exchanges in relation to international MOUs.
- Promotion of sector news via UTSNZ social media platforms and EDM.
- Professional development opportunities for sport staff.

