



# NEW ZEALAND CHIROPRACTORS' ASSOCIATION

## SCNZ Membership Terms and Conditions

### **General Membership of the SCNZ requires the applicant to:**

- Must be registered as a chiropractor with the New Zealand Chiropractic Board [NZCB] and have a current Annual Practicing Certificate [APC]
- Abide by the NZCB Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice
- Practice within the Chiropractic Scope of Practice
- Must include extra-vertebral [EVT] Certification (Scope of Practice)
- Registered with ACC as a Provider
- Continuing Professional Development [CPD] programme and aim for a minimum of 30% of credits in the area of sport related activity
- Read and sign an additional Code of Conduct document specifically for SCNZ
- Make application on the approved form including two references at least one being from a registered chiropractor
- Receive a unanimous decision from the SCNZ Committee members to approve membership

### **External Relationships**

To ensure that SCNZ maintains integrity in its relationships with sporting bodies and other external agencies:

- All formal communication with the media will be via the Chair of the NZCA Portfolio
- Only members of the SCNZ have the right to use the SCNZ credentials or to claim membership.
- Any unauthorised use will result in disciplinary action.

### **Special Conditions Guidelines for entry level membership:**

- It is advisable that SCNZ chiropractors have and/or demonstrate experience with athletes and teams and sports based injury management and performance based chiropractic care.
- Having knowledge/experience of multidisciplinary management, plus willingness and/or proven ability to operate within a team based environment is imperative.
- It is strongly recommended that SCNZ members are actively practicing with athletes on a regular basis to maintain skill levels.
- The SCNZ has the right to withhold or revoke membership under circumstances where there have been breaches of ethics or code of practice.
- Membership will only be accepted upon receipt of an approved application and any termination of membership and possible reinstatement will be considered on a case by case basis .
- In order to maintain impartiality the SCNZ will use the NZCA Past Presidents' Committee to preside over any issues of possible breaches.
- The SCNZ is an affiliate organisation with International Federation of Sports Chiropractic, Fédération Internationale de Chiropratique du Sport, [FICS] and pays an annual membership
- Members will be required to pay for individual membership. Failure to maintain financial obligations may result in suspension at the discretion of the SCNZ committee.



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- The SCNZ committee reserves the right to verify all claims made by the chiropractor in support of his / her application.

## **Membership Categories**

Titles can be use in full form or as initials

### **Student Member (sSCNZ)**

- Free membership, through student membership of NZCA.
- Must send application to SCNZ.
- Interest in Sports Chiropractic

### **General Member (MSCNZ)**

- Meets all of the above criteria on an annual basis.
- Interest in Sports Chiropractic

### **Certified Member of Sports Chiropractic New Zealand (CSCNZ)**

- Meets all General Member requirements
- 2 years+ clinical experience
- ICSC course (FICS program) or other postgraduate sports qualification
- 50 hours of sport chiropractic care (25-50 hours with a team or can include 25 hours with individual)
- 20 hours spent observing a sports practitioner such as: Sports Chiropractor (minimum distinguished member), Sports and exercise physician, sports physiotherapist, Musculoskeletal Pain specialist and Sports podiatrist. This is followed by a signed observe form and a 250-300 summary of experience.

### **Distinguished Member of Sports Chiropractic New Zealand (DSCNZ)**

- Meets all certified member requirements.
- 5 years+ clinical experience
- Research - one published paper and/or took part in sport research
- Experience with regionals level (or higher) sports team or individuals. Must provide proof which can be discussed.

### **Honorary Member of Sports Chiropractic New Zealand (HSCNZ)**

- Meets all distinguished member requirements.
- 10 years+ clinical experience
- Experience with international level sports team or individuals.
- Further postgraduate studies, minimal post graduate diploma and/or consistent experience with high performance athletes
- Research - two published papers and/or took part in high level sport research
- This title can be awarded as per SCNZ committee discretion for outstanding achievements in high performance athletes and sports chiropractic in general (10 years+)