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Sport NZ acknowledges Parkour NZ as the national organisation for parkour

Sport NZ has formerly acknowledged [New Zealand Parkour - Tauhōkai Aotearoa](#) (Parkour NZ) as the national organisation leading and governing the sport/activity of Parkour in New Zealand. Sport NZ acknowledged the efforts of Parkour NZ in developing and delivering parkour throughout the nation since its incorporation in 2011, working with a myriad of local and national organisations, Regional Sports Trusts, councils, and schools.

Damien Puddle, CEO of Parkour NZ has said “We’ve been working hard for over 5 years to develop and support parkour, as well as use it as a vehicle for positive change in people’s lives. It’s exciting to see our efforts rewarded by this acknowledgement.”

Parkour NZ was unsuccessful in becoming a Sport NZ investment partner in 2014, with Sport NZ citing the infancy of the organisation as the main reason for not meeting the criteria. Although Parkour NZ is currently not a Sport NZ partner organisation, a change in Sport NZ’s strategic objectives, including the development of [Sport NZ’s Community Sport Strategy 2015-20](#), puts Parkour NZ in a better position to potentially meet investment criteria in the future.

The acknowledgement of Parkour NZ from Sport NZ has also resulted in an upgrade of membership status with [Parkour Earth](#), the International Federation for Parkour/Freerunning/Art du Déplacement, of which Parkour NZ is a founding member federation.

The announcement of Sport NZ’s acknowledgement of Parkour NZ also comes after Damien Puddle, Parkour NZ’s CEO received the [Administrator of the Year award at the 2017 Hamilton City Council Sport Volunteer Awards](#), for his service to Parkour NZ and the community.

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