Team Physio – 2027 World Transplant Games

The Team Physio supports Australian team members to participate as safely and effectively as possible throughout the 2027 World Transplant Games.

The role focuses on injury prevention, physiotherapy assessment, treatment, recovery and rehabilitation advice, working collaboratively with the Team Doctor and within the Local Organising Committee's medical and event service arrangements.

The Team Physio will help participants manage physical demands, address musculoskeletal concerns and access appropriate treatment and medical services when required.

Eligibility criteria
Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Hold an accredited physiotherapy qualification.
- Hold current registration with the relevant professional registration authority.
- Have appropriate professional indemnity arrangements.
- Have experience or demonstrated knowledge relating to transplantation and the health needs of transplant recipients.

Desirable:

- Previous experience supporting athletes or sporting teams.
- Experience in sports physiotherapy, rehabilitation or injury prevention.
- Previous attendance at a World Transplant Games.
- Experience working at international sporting events.

Position type: Volunteer
Event: 2027 World Transplant Games 1st – 8th August 2027
Travel requirements: Travel with the Australian Team, arriving two days before the Games commence and departing two days after the Games conclude.

Volunteer benefits and support

Transplant Australia will provide the following support:

- Registration costs fully covered by Transplant Australia.
- Accommodation costs fully covered by Transplant Australia.
- A $2,000 AUD allowance towards flights and travel insurance, where flights are booked through Sportslink.
- Up to a $1,000 AUD meal allowance per trip.

The Team Physio is expected to work collaboratively with Transplant Australia and operate within approved budgets, policies and delegation arrangements.

Key responsibilities

1. Physiotherapy assessment and treatment

- Provide physiotherapy assessment, treatment and advice within professional registration, competence and agreed service arrangements.
- Assess musculoskeletal complaints and identify when medical assessment or referral to the LOC's medical service is required.
- Follow the LOC's requirements for accessing treatment facilities, providing clinical services, documenting care and referring participants.
- Support participants to manage injuries and physical complaints throughout the Games.

2. Injury prevention and physical preparation

- Support injury prevention, physical preparation and recovery through appropriate education and practical advice, pre-travel and during the event.
- Provide guidance on warm-ups, recovery strategies, movement and injury management.
- Help participants understand the importance of managing physical demands during a multi-day sporting event.
- Provide advice on activity modification and rehabilitation where appropriate.

3. Clinical collaboration and referral

- Work collaboratively with the Team Doctor where medical review, further investigation or coordinated clinical management is appropriate.
- Identify and escalate urgent injuries, deteriorating conditions or other concerns requiring immediate medical attention.
- Provide advice on return to sport within professional scope, recognising that participation decisions may also involve the participant, treating medical practitioners and relevant sporting authorities.

4. Participant education and support

- Provide participants with information about available local medical and physiotherapy services.
- Explain how participants can access treatment outside the Team Physio's availability.
- Encourage appropriate injury management and timely medical review.
- Support a positive and inclusive environment where participants feel comfortable raising physical concerns.

5. Clinical documentation and professional obligations

- Maintain appropriate clinical records and documentation.
- Uphold privacy, informed consent and professional obligations.
- Share clinical information with the Team Doctor or Transplant Australia only as appropriate for care, safety and lawful information handling.
- Work within professional registration, competence and the LOC's service arrangements.

6. Post-Games review

- Contribute de-identified information on injury trends and physiotherapy service utilisation to the post-Games review, where appropriate.
- Identify common injury concerns and opportunities for injury prevention.
- Provide recommendations to strengthen future Games medical and physiotherapy support.

Role boundaries

- The Team Physio does not replace emergency medical services or the LOC's medical facilities.
- The role does not extend to diagnosing or managing medical conditions outside the physiotherapist's scope of practice.
- The Team Physio does not independently manage serious medical incidents or make organisational decisions about team participation.
- The Team Physio will work collaboratively, and at the direction of Team Australia Management and Transplant Australia Staff to support team members
- Clinical information is shared with the Team Doctor or Transplant Australia only as appropriate for care, safety and lawful information handling.

Key attributes and experience

The successful applicant will demonstrate:

- Current physiotherapy qualifications and professional registration.
- Knowledge of sports injuries, rehabilitation and injury prevention.
- Experience or understanding of the health needs of transplant recipients.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- The ability to work collaboratively with medical professionals and team management.
- A practical and participant-centred approach.
- Strong professional judgement and understanding of clinical boundaries.
- A commitment to safe and inclusive sporting participation.

Reporting relationship

The Team Physio will report to the designated Transplant Australia Team Lead and Team Operations Manager and work collaboratively with Transplant Australia staff and other appointed team management personnel.

Expression of Interest

Interested applicants are invited to submit an online Expression of Interest outlining any previous World Transplant Games experience, relevant leadership or coordination experience, and suitability for the role.

Appointments will be made by Transplant Australia as soon as possible based on experience, suitability, availability and the needs of the Australian Team.