



Dr. Dennis Slade



Over the course of his career as a teacher and academic in Physical Education, Dennis has displayed significant and sustained national and regional contributions consisting of his substantial publications in the area of Games Sense and Teaching Games for Understanding (TGfU), his contribution to the introduction of Sixth Form Certificate Physical Education, his prolific and high-quality articles for the Physical Educator Journal, his frequent, well-attended and quality PENZ Conference presentations, and his willingness to lead physical education workshops for PENZ and assist with National Conference organisation.

Since 1999, Dennis has presented well over 100 practical workshops in New Zealand and internationally in physical education and sport coaching. While the majority of these courses have been for sport organisations his presentations have always reflected PENZ and PE values. They have ranged from National Organisations for Netball New Zealand, NZ Rugby, NZ Hockey but also to small, after school in-service refresher courses for teachers, for example, Levin Intermediate and Te Horo primary school. Internationally he has been a key-note speaker and presenter in Holland, Endhoven, Germany University of Sport Cologne, Hong Kong, and Singapore.

Dennis's work is consulted and respected widely, both in the academic sphere and as practical textbooks for practitioners. He has written extensively for the PENZ journal. Since 2011, he has written over 20 articles for PENZ Journal publications on the subject of teaching games for understanding (TGfU). In that process he has become the single most prolific author of articles

to the PENZ journal. More importantly his articles are eagerly awaited in the journal and are extremely well used by members in their teaching. They have provided knowledge for teachers around TGfU and how to put Games Sense into practice in secondary classrooms.

Some of his other accomplishments include:

1. 1987 Syllabus 'Road Show' Promoting.
2. Being appointed as the New Zealand Universities Vice Chancellor's Representative overseeing the introduction of Assessment Scheme for Year 13 (7th Form) Physical Education programme based on the 1999 Syllabus.
3. Teacher in-service education and local/regional PENZ workshops
4. New Zealand representative on the TGfU International Advisory Board

Dennis has served Physical Education in New Zealand over many years and during this time has demonstrated a strong commitment to the work and strategic values of PENZ. Dennis has also been a representative on the PENZ Tertiary Advisory Group since its inception and is a highly respected academic and a productive researcher in the field of games-centered learning, TGfU and Physical Education. His contributions have been underpinned by a strong belief in the value of teaching and the value that games-sense learning can bring to the education of young people. He is described by his peers as an effective and innovative teacher and physical educator.

It is an absolute pleasure to award the honour of **Fellow of PENZ** to **Dennis Slade**.