

## **Educator Bio – Jodi Brown**

### **Tell us about your sports background/history**

Elite netball player, played at National level for 18 years and international level for 13 years. Played for many regions around NZ and for the Silver Ferns – attended 2 World Champs and 1 Commonwealth Games, played 61 tests for the Silver Ferns

### **What's your favourite sporting memory or proudest moment?**

Winning World Champs in 2003, in Jamaica. It was my first time in the team, I learnt lots and it really lay the platform for my Silver Ferns career

### **What was your worst moment in sports?**

Rupturing my ACL (knee) the day before the Commonwealth Games in 2006, rules me out of the Commonwealth Games and sent me home. We won our first Commonwealth Games gold medal and unfortunately, I couldn't be a part of it.

### **Are there any stories about drugs in sport that have affected you (e.g. Lance Armstrong, Marion Jones etc), or gave you an interest in this role with DFSNZ?**

Not particularly, but I have always been a strong supporter of being educated as an athlete and making sure you keep clean.

### **Being an educator is a contract role, what's else do you do outside of this role or things which you are focusing on/interested in?**

Full time Mum to 3 children, plus I'm very interested in enhancing the role of women in sport.

### **What do you hope to bring to the role of Educator?**

A different angle, freshness and hopefully they might relate to someone that has been involved in high performance sport with some experience with DFSNZ

### **When working with youth, what values do you hope to instil in the kids?**

Work hard, be wise. While keeping our sport/s clean, we need to ensure that the athletes know to compete at national or international level that you are required to be disciplined, work hard and push the boundaries. It's equally important to be educated and wise on and off the court/field.

### **When working with more elite level athletes, what key messages do you think are important for them to take away/be inspired by?**

Ensure any updates are communicated so that they are fully informed, add some experiences so they can hopefully relate, add lots of energy!