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SOFTBALL NEW ZEALAND SCORER'S ASSOCIATION

BULLETIN NUMBER 2

Hi Everyone

We have just had a Panel Meeting at the weekend to discuss the season past and to prepare for the season to come. You will note that the new Scorer's Rule Book has been completed for you to check it out on the Website, with the Tournament Guide and the Stat trak Manual just about completed, so these will be ready for you soon. Points of interest discussed at the meeting are as follows:

2018/2019 Tournaments

There has been a big change made to the age group tournaments, with three (3) tournaments having been dropped and new tournaments being inserted. The age group tournaments now are:

Under 15 Boys and Girls

The Under 15 South Island Boy's and Girl's Tournaments have been done away with, with this age group now being National, i.e. entries of any South Island teams will be treated the same as was the

Under 17 and Under 19 entries.

Under 17 This age group no longer applies.

Under 19 This age group no longer applies.

New Age Groups Under 23 – This will now incorporate Men and Women at the same venue.
Under 18 – This now replaces the Under 19's.

This means that there will be three (3) less tournaments for you to apply for. Venues for age group tournaments are:

U23 Men and Women – 3-6 January 2019 at Hutt Valley

U15 Boys – 10-13 January 2019 at Counties Manukau

U15 Girls - 10-13 January 2019 at Manawatu

U18 Boys - 17-20 January 2019 at Canterbury

U18 Girls - 17-20 January 2019 at Waikato

National Fastpitch – February 2019 at Canterbury

Women's Clubs - March 2019 in Hutt Valley

Men's Clubs - March 2019 in North Harbour

Div 1 SS - March 2019 in Canterbury

Div 2 SS SI - March 2019 in Canterbury

Div 2 SS NI - March 2019 in Tairāwhiti

Tournament Applications – This form will be sent out to you to fill in, mid to end of July. Because there are less tournaments and if you are applying for more than one, please use A, B or C for your preference and we will try to give you your first choice, depending on numbers.

Tournament Chief Scorer's pre- Tournament Meeting

We have discussed these meetings where tournament scorers come in at 8-00am, or one hour before the first scheduled game, to meet with the chief scorer. This means that the scorers who are not on a game until the second time slot have to sit around for 2 hours. We have now changed this as follows:

Age Group Tournaments, Clubs and Secondary Schools – Only examinees and those on the first round of games need to be there one hour before the first scheduled game. (The TCS will have let those on first round games know details and anything else they need to know by email prior to the tournament.) Everything that is a need to know will be on the notice board in the Scorer's Room. Please make sure you check this board on arrival.

EXCEPTION: This does NOT apply to the National Fastpitch where rostered scorers must be there one and a half hours before the scheduled start.

Code of Conduct

Thank you to you all for accepting this necessary document and for having it signed and handed in on the first day of tournament. Alongside the Emergency Contact Form, the Code of Conduct document will now be a permanent form to sign and hand in.

Smoking in Uniform

We know that you know the rules re smoking in uniform, and we thank you for being inconspicuous when going out for a cigarette. If you are trying electronic cigarettes, then the same ruling applies to those.

Uniforms

There has been another order put in and by now I am sure that just about 100% of scorers have some if not all of the black uniform. Thank you to you all. We have to have 10 of each individual item to put in an order, so if your order is taking longer than usual, the reason is the waiting on orders of 10 or more to come. We now can get Bucket Hats from the manufacturer for scoring, so please get your order in for these. Not sure of the sizing, but if you put small, medium or large, then that should cover it. These of course do not have adjustment bands that the caps have.

Scoring Tents

You will have noticed the "scoring tents" popping up everywhere. These are a real benefit on cold and wet days. Craig Waterhouse at Just Softball can supply these, as can Under the Weather. There is no need to freeze if we don't have to.

Official Scorer/Electronic Scorer

It is disappointing to hear that there are still some feelings out there about "them and us". There is no such thing as them and us at all, in fact the Official Scorer is the one in charge during the game, and after a short discussion, is the one who states what the electronic scorer should record. The only thing that the electronic scorer would ask is that the official scorer does not take too long to make the decision, as it is very easy to get behind on the Ipad.

Pitching Analysis

It has been noted that some scorers are still using the old method of recording the pitching part innings. If a pitcher is on for two full innings and then is replaced in the third innings with one out, this used to be 2.33 innings, but is now 2.1 innings. If there are two outs, then it is recorded as 2.2. Just be careful to note the part innings, as if not recorded in part, then the statistics do not match the put outs that the statistician has recorded.

Wild Pitches and Passed Balls

If there are runners on base and they move a base on a WP or a PB, don't forget to put a dot beside these on the leading baserunner. This way, you are not counting the same WP or PB twice, this is also a big help if someone else is analysing your card.

When there is an illegal pitch, don't forget to put the exclamation mark in Red underneath the batter, and then moving any baserunner around on the same illegal pitch with batter's number.

Runs Batted In

Some scorers are still using the outside of the card beside the batting line-up to "tick" runs batted in. This has been out for a number of seasons, with an RBI recorded in a heavier dot beside the recorded safe or out at the bottom of the first base part of the diamond.

Fielder's Choices and Errors

Just a reminder that you never have an FC and an Error together. It is either one or the other, but not both. Also, you can never have a reverse error going to first base. e.g. Runner on 1st base, batter hits to shortstop who throws to second base for the out on the leading runner, but the second baseman drops the ball. The error goes on the play, 6E4 to the runner going to second, and FC64 on the batter baserunner safe on first base.

Exams

All of the exams have been marked and will be sent out shortly. These will also be on the Website.

Email Addresses and Phone Numbers

Please remember to let your Deputy know if your email address has changed, or your phone number. We rely on your correct email address to send out bulletins and tournament application forms.

Rule 12

There is a new SNZ Rule book being printed on 1 July 2018. The SNZ Rule Book has included Rule 12 on Scoring. We have updated this rule for the new book and it will now be known as Appendix 6. Make sure you get your copy of the new Rule Book when it comes out and also make sure you make yourself familiar with the updated Appendix 6.

Scorers travelling with National Teams

Congratulations to the following scorers who have been appointed to travel and score for the various NZ teams.

Black Sox	Ian Ditfort
White Sox	Lil Natana
Junior Black Sox	Russell Moffat
Emerging Sox Girls	Lynette Leathart
Emerging Sox Boys	Raewyn Fergusson

It is disappointing to note that the Junior White Sox Management have decided not to take a scorer with them on their trip to Canada.

Affiliation Fees

To date, only four (4) Associations have paid their affiliation fee into the SNZ Scorer's Account. We urgently need these funds, as they are used for the day to day expenses. We have accounts to pay like everyone else so please pay these accounts now. Those who have paid are, North Harbour, Auckland, Tairāwhiti and Canterbury.

As you can see from all of the subjects in the Bulletin Number 2, we had a very busy meeting. If you need anything at all, please do not hesitate to call your Deputy, who will be happy to help you.

See you all soon around the diamonds

Regards from

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