



SOFTBALL NZ SCORER'S ASSOCIATION

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Bulletin Number 1

Hi Everyone

I know this is late, but as we were unable to have a meeting at the start of the season, we have only come together at the NPC Tournament in North Harbour on February 15 - 18 for a very quick meeting. From that meeting, we have the following:

Tournaments

By now, most of you will have attended one or more tournaments, so hopefully you have enjoyed the experience and learned something new along the way.

We only have five tournaments left now, being the Men's Clubs (Hutt Valley) Women's Clubs (Christchurch) Div 1 Secondary Schools (Hutt Valley) Div 2 Secondary Schools NI (Hamilton – Helen Rogers Chief) Div 2 Secondary Schools SI (Ashburton – Russell Moffat Chief)

Thank you to you all for the work done at the tournaments, and thank you to those who filled in at the last moment when we were short.

Uniforms

By now, most of you have the black uniform, whether it be the original one, or the new one just out. There is a survey going out to you all for comments in our uniform. Make sure you fill in the survey, as it is necessary for us to know if you are happy with it, i.e costs, style, fitting, etc.

For those who have not purchased a uniform, there is a second order going through at the moment, so please contact Lynette Leathart – l.leathart@xtra.co.nz ASAP.

Affiliation Fee

At the time of our meeting, only 2 Associations had paid their Affiliation Account. Please get onto this ASAP, as we need the funds to function properly. Your monies are spent on the following:

Exam Costs (Paper, Ink, Photocopying, Envelopes, Postage)

Some travel costs (Meetings etc)

Courier costs for laptops, envelopes (Both E11 and E50) SNZ pay for some, but not all)

Paper and Ink for Computers.

Other Stationary

Telephone Costs

IT Costs

Thank you for your help.

Exams

We are investigating having our refresher exam on line, although the analysing of a game would be difficult to do for clarity. We will keep on investigating this.

Umpires and Scorers

There has been a noticeable difference between umpires and scorers over the last couple of seasons, with a closer working relationship having been achieved and we now work as a team. Remember to keep this going, thanking the umpire for changes and again at the end of the game. Remember, it costs nothing to be polite with a smile.

Chiefs and Statisticians

It was pleasing to see two new statisticians and one new chief at the tournaments held so far. We need a pool to draw these positions from, as it is a good thing to have others besides your panel member. If you are interested in either of these positions, please throw your hat in the ring for consideration.

IPad Scoring

We did put it out there before the season started, asking for those interested in learning the electronic side of our game. A number of you answered that you were interested in learning, but time has slipped by without this being done. We do need a pool to draw from for the NPC Tournament, plus finals at all tournaments.

Please contact Marie Byrne (Canterbury) Sharon Williams (Otago) Elaine Karsten (Southland) Lynette Leathart (Auckland and surrounding areas) Lil Natana (Northern Region) Ian Ditfort (Central Area)

The NPC Tournament is for Level 6 and Level 7, although we do have some Level 5 scorers filling in also. Even if you are a Level 4, it doesn't hurt to have the knowledge so that you can help out when required.

Analysing of Cards

It is very noticeable at some tournaments that some scorers are taking far too long to analyse their cards. Nobody is asking you to rush this, but anything over half an hour is too long and has statisticians falling behind the rounds. If you have three pitchers on each side, then of course you have a bigger job to analyse and it will take longer, but be mindful of the time.

Once again, thank you to everyone for their co-operation and the work done by you all so far. Good luck with the tournaments still to be held.

Regards from your Panel Members:

Lil Natana (Chief Scorer) Lynette Leathart (Northern Deputy) Ian Ditfort (Central Deputy)
Marie Byrne (Southern Deputy) Elaine Karsten (Statistician)