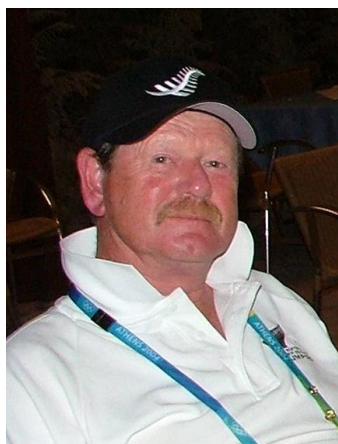


## Executive Summary – Wayne Saunders. (Player, Coach, Umpire, Administrator)



In 2023, Wayne completed 65 consecutive active years in softball. Starting with Hutt City United as a junior player in 1957 through to captain of the Major Reserve and Major A teams before starting his umpiring career in 1976.

In 2023, after 18 years' service, Wayne retired as the WBSC Regional Umpire Coordinator for Oceania. During this time he was Co-chair/Team Leader of the WBSC Playing Rules Re-Write Commission, Chaired the WBSC Reformatted Casebook Re-write and field mechanics committees.

Internationally, Wayne has served as Assistant Umpire Director/Umpire-in-Chief at the last five WBSC Men's World Cups/World Championships (2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2022) and Women's World Championship in 2018. 2022 was Wayne's 11<sup>th</sup> Men's World/World Championship in an official capacity.

He has on-field officiated at nine WBSC-SD International Tournaments including the Athens Olympic Games, Europe/Africa Olympic Qualifier and seven ISF World Championships including a Women's, a Junior Men's, a Junior Women's and four Men's Championships totalling 135 games, his last game being the Gold Medal Game at the Athens Olympics.

Other major International appointments included the ISF Prague Softball Cup, Prague, Czech Republic; 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Canada Cups, Vancouver, Canada; Blacktown International Challenge, Sydney, Australia; ISC World Tournament, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada; totalling 41 International Tournaments or Test Series. Umpiring 505 International/Overseas games, including 248 full Internationals involving 44 different nations.

In 2015 Wayne completed 20 years' service as a member of the New Zealand National Staff, including 10 years as Umpire-in-Chief. In 2009 Wayne retired as an active field umpire after 35 years of on-field officiating. He had been appointed to 81 New Zealand National Tournaments since 1977 and has worked 47 National Tournament Grand Finals. Additionally, Wayne had supervised 31 National, and numerous local tournaments and Internal International series.

Wayne is an elected member of the World Baseball Softball Confederation's and Softball New Zealand's Halls of Fame. A finalist in the Official of the Year category at the Annual Sport Wellington Region Sportspeople on five occasions and was the winner of the award in 2004 and 2005. Wayne is a Life Member of the Hutt Valley Softball Association, Hutt Valley Softball Umpires Association and the Hutt City United Softball Club. Wayne serves as the Patron of his Hutt City United club, President of his local Hutt Valley Umpires association and as a WBSC Umpire Commissioner.

Below is an activity summary excluding details of appointments to Internal Internationals, Major Club tournaments and local championships.

## Sports Activity Summary (as at March 2023)

Full Name	<b>Wayne William Saunders</b>	
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	Phone: +64 4 5696412	Email: <a href="mailto:waynewsaunder@gmail.com">waynewsaunder@gmail.com</a>
Present Positions	WBSC Umpire Commissioner	2013- present
	President of the Hutt Valley Softball Umpires Association	1987-90, 1992-93, 2000-07, 2020-present
	Patron of Hutt City United Softball Club	2019- present
	WBSC Regional Umpire Coordinator for Oceania	1996-98, 2007-2023
	Life member of the Hutt Valley Softball Association	2018
	Life Membership of the Hutt Valley Softball Umpires Association	2004
	Life Membership of Hutt City United Softball Club	1983

<i>Qualifications</i>	International Softball Federation: Accreditation	1985
	New Zealand Softball Association: Level 4 accreditation	1978
<i>International Awards</i>	International Softball Federation Hall of Fame	2009
<i>National Awards</i>	Softball New Zealand Hall of Fame	2006
	Prime Minister's Scholarship for sports officials	2006
	New Zealand Umpire of the Year	2005, 2004, 2003, 2000
<i>Local Awards</i>	Hutt Valley Sports Awards Official of the Year - Finalist	2018, 2013
	Sport Wellington Region Official of the Year - Finalist	2018, 2007, 2006,
	Sport Wellington Region Official of the Year - Winner	2005, 2004
	Hutt Valley Softball Association Distinguished Service Award	2005
	Hutt Valley Umpire of the Year	2007, 2002, 1983
	Hutt Valley Softball Association Softballer of the Year	1971

## Field Umpire

### ISF/ISC International

**2006**

**ISC World Tournament**, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada (SNZ/ISC umpire exchange)

(Total games: 6 plate, 14 base)

Grand Final: Patsy's NY v County Materials (field)

Double Elimination: Czech Republic v County Materials (plate)



**2004**

**The Games of the XXVIII Olympiad**, Athens, Greece

(Total games: 2 plate, 10 base)

Gold Medal: USA v Australia (1st base)

Bronze Medal: Japan v China (2nd base)

Preliminary Round: USA v Japan (plate)

**ISF Prague Softball Cup**, Prague, Czech Republic

(Total games: 2 plate, 5 base)

Bronze Medal: Netherlands v Czech Republic (plate)

Preliminary Round: Canada v Czech Republic (plate)

**Blacktown International Challenge**, Sydney, Australia

(Total games: 2 plate, 5 base)

Finals Series: Canada v Chinese Taipei (1st base)

Preliminary Round: China v Australia (plate)

Canada v China (plate)

**11th Canada Cup**, Vancouver, Canada

(Total games: 6 plate, 10 base)

Grand Final: Japan v Australia (3rd base)

Championship round: Japan v Japan Elite (plate)

Section play: Canada v USA Elite (plate)

	<b>XIth ISF Men's World Championship</b> , Christchurch, New Zealand			
	<i>(Total games: 5 plate, 11 base)</i>			
	Silver Medal game:	Canada v	Australia	(1 <sup>st</sup> base)
	Bronze Medal game:	USA v	Australia	(plate)
	100 <sup>th</sup> ISF World Series game:	USA v	Hong Kong	(2 <sup>nd</sup> base)
2003	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Canada Cup</b> , Vancouver, Canada			
	<i>(Total games: 4 plate, 11 base)</i>			
	Grand Final:	USA Elite v	Australia	(1 <sup>st</sup> base)
	Section play:	USA National v	China	(plate)
	<b>Europe/Africa Olympic Qualifier</b> , Macerata, Italy			
	<i>(Total games: 4 plate, 7 base)</i>			
	Grand Final:	Italy v	Czech Republic	(plate)
2000	<b>Xth ISF Men's World Championship</b> , East London, South Africa			
	<i>(Total games: 4 plate, 10 base)</i>			
	Elimination finals:	Canada v	Venezuela	(plate)
	Section play:	USA v	Mexico	(plate)
	<i>(Grand final: alternate 1<sup>st</sup> base umpire)</i>			
1999	<b>Olympic Cup</b> , San Diego, USA			
	<i>(Total games: 1 plate, 3 base)</i>			
	Grand Final:	USA v	Australia	(1 <sup>st</sup> base)
	Section play:	USA v	Australia	(plate)
1997	<b>19th South East Asian Games</b> , Jakarta, Indonesia.			
	<i>(Indonesian Olympic committee appointment)</i>			
	<i>(Total games: 7 plate, 2 base)</i>			
	Grand Final (Men):	Indonesia v	Philippines	(plate)
1995	<b>Vth ISF Youth Girls World Championship</b> , Normal, Illinois, USA			
	<i>(Total games: 6 plate, 11 base)</i>			
	Grand Final:	USA v	Japan	(field)
1993	<b>IVth ISF Junior Boys World Championship</b> , Auckland, New Zealand.			
	<i>(Total games: 4 plate, 13 base)</i>			
1992	<b>VIIIth ISF Men's World Championship</b> , Manila, Philippines.			
	<i>(Total games: 7 plate, 11 base)</i>			
	Major semi-final	Canada v	USA	(plate)
	Section play final	USA v	Japan	(plate)
	Opening game	Philippines v	Netherlands	(plate)
	<i>(Grand final: alternate plate umpire)</i>			
1988	<b>VIIth ISF Men's World Championship</b> , Saskatoon, Canada			
	<i>(Total games: 6 plate, 12 base)</i>			
	Opening game	Cuba v	Canada	(1 <sup>st</sup> base)
	Section play:	USA v	Cuba	(plate)
	<i>(Grand final: alternate plate umpire)</i>			
1986	<b>VIth ISF Women's World Championship</b> , Auckland, New Zealand			
	<i>(Total games: 3 plate, 9 base)</i>			
	Section play:	Canada v	USA	(plate)
1982	<b>Mini Men's World Series</b> , Lower Hutt, New Zealand			
	<i>(Total games: 1 plate, 4 base)</i>			

### *Additional Overseas International Tournaments and Competitions*

2006	Farm Tavern Invitational, Madison, Wisconsin, USA. (Plate: County Material v Circle Tap 1 <sup>st</sup> base: County v Farm, Farm v Pueblo Bandits)
2004	National League Women's Competition, Prague, Czech Republic (Plate: KRC Altron v Joudrs, Sabat v Kladno)
2003	National League Women's Competition. Macerata, Italy (1 <sup>st</sup> base: Macerata v Bollate)
2002	Casa Rama World Series, Orillia, Canada (Plate: Broken Bow v Owen Sound, Broken Bow v Waterloo Twins, 1 <sup>st</sup> : Broken Bow v NY Spirit) Vancouver Cup International Invitation, Vancouver, Canada River Kings / Black Sox Series, Prince George, BC, Canada Smokers / Black Sox Series, Victoria, Canada
2000	Travellers Inn / Black Sox Series, Victoria, Canada Vancouver Cup International Invitation, Vancouver, Canada
1998	Hong Kong domestic completion
1988	Pioneer Day, Salt Lake City, USA Penn Corp International Invitation, Sioux City, USA Teleconnect International Invitation, Cedar Rapids, USA

### *Internal Internationals*

2005	NZCT Women's Tri-Series (Japan, Int All Stars, White Sox), Evodrive Pacific Men's International Series (Japan, Australia, Int All Stars, Samoa, Black Sox)
2004	Women's Tri-series (Japan/China/White Sox)
2003	Men's Tri Series (Japan/Australia/Black Sox)
2002	International Series (Japanese Men's Tour)
2001	International Series (Australian Men's Tour)
2000	International Series (Australian Men's Tour)
1997	Junior Men's International Series (Australia/ Saskatchewan/Junior Black Sox), International Series (Toho Bank Women's Tour)
1996	International Series (Australian Men's Tour), International Series (USA Men's Tour)
1995	Winfield International Women's Club Series (Pink Panthers-Japan, Queensland Australia) Winfield International Series (Japanese Men's Tour)
1994	Winfield International Women's Club Series (Kansai/Pink Panthers-Japan, Australian Development), Winfield International Series (Canadian Men's Tour)
1993	Winfield International Club Series (Regents, Canada - Gunma/Yamanashi, Japan - Eagehawks/Braves Australia)
1992	Winfield International Series (Japan and Australian Men's Tour)
1991	Winfield International Series (USA Men's Tour)
1990	Winfield International Series (Canada/USA Men's Australian Women's Tours)
1989	Winfield Challenge (USA Men's Tour)
1988	Winfield International Series (Larry Millar/Penn Corp Men's Tour)
1987	International Men's Tri-Series (Japan/Chinese Taipei/Black Sox)
1986	International Series (Singapore/West Australia Men's Tour)
1984	International Series (Can Am All Stars Men's Tour)
1982	International Series (Chameleons Men's Tour)
1981	International Series (Peterbilt Men's Tour)

1980	Chinese Women's Tour
1978	Southern Truck Raiders Tour
<b>National Tournaments</b>	
2003-09	<b>New Zealand National League (Men and Women)</b> <i>Men's Grand Final (plate) 2003, 2006, 2007 (1<sup>st</sup> base) 2004, (3<sup>rd</sup> base) 2005</i>
1983-1994, 1996, 2000	<b>Men's Inter-provincial</b> <i>Grand final (plate) 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996, 2006. (1<sup>st</sup> base) 1986, 1987, 1988, 2000, 2002.</i>
2003, 2004, 2006	<b>Men's National League (discontinued 1993)</b> <i>Grand final (plate) 1988, 1992, 1993, (base) 1989, 1991.</i>
1986-1993	<b>Men's Inter-club</b> <i>Grand final (plate) 1991, 1993, 1995, 1996, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2006. (1<sup>st</sup> base) 2000, 2004.</i>
1982-1996, 2000-04, 2006, 2009	<b>Women's Inter-provincial</b> <i>Grand final (plate) 1999 2007, (1<sup>st</sup> base) 2002.</i>
1978, 1999, 2002, 2007-08	<b>Women's Inter-club</b> <i>Grand Final (plate) 2002, 2003, 2007 (1<sup>st</sup> base) 2001, 2004, 2005, 2008.</i>
1988-89, 1999	<b>Men's Superpitch Inter-provincial (discontinued 1997)</b> <i>Grand Finals (plate) 1992, 1996, (1<sup>st</sup> base) 1993, 1995.</i>
2001-05, 2007-08	<b>U19 Boys</b>
1992-1996	<b>U15 Girls (North Island)</b>
1995, 2009	<b>Secondary Schoolchildren</b>
1999	<b>Qantel Cup Interclub knockout discontinued 1980 (Final 3<sup>rd</sup> base 1980)</b>
1987	
1978-1980	
<b>Major Club</b>	
1976- 2008	Doreen Dalton Memorial (Hutt City United)
1983-1996	Cardinals 1000 (discontinued 1996)
1986-1995, 2004	Vic Guth
1993-1996, 2000, 2002-03	Dean Schick
<b>Field Umpire Experience</b>	
1976-2009	<b>Full time umpire</b>
1967-1976	<b>Player umpire (from 1974 regular player/umpire)</b>
<b>Administration</b>	
2013- Present	<b>WBSC-SD Umpire Commissioner</b>
2007-2023	<b>WBSC-SD International Umpire Staff, Regional Umpire Coordinator - Oceania</b>
2018 (Feb)	<b>WBSC_SD Regional Umpire Coordinators Meeting, Plant City, USA</b>
2017	<b>WBSC-SD (Reformatted Casebook, Chair review committee)</b>
2013 – 2017	<b>WBSC-SD (Playing Rules Re-Write Commission, Co-chair/Team Leader)</b>
2017	<b>II WBSC Congress, Gaborone, Botswana (Umpire/Playing Rules Commissions, elections scrutineer)</b>
2007 – 2017	<b>WBSC/ISF (Umpire Field Mechanics, Co-chair/chair review committee)</b>
2017	<b>WBSC-SD Playing Rules Re-Write Commission, (Executive Meeting, Amsterdam, Netherlands)</b>
2007- 2015	<b>Softball New Zealand Umpire-in-Chief</b>
2007, 2009, 2011, 2013	<b>Oceania Confederation meeting at Congress (minute recorder)</b>
2013	<b>XXVI ISF Congress, Cartagena, Colombia (Umpire/Equipment Standards/Rules Commissions)</b>
2012 (June)	<b>ISF Regional Umpire Coordinators Meeting, Plant City, USA</b>
2011	<b>XXV ISF Congress, Oklahoma, USA (Umpire/Equipment Standards Commissions)</b>



2011 (Jan)	<b>ISF Regional Umpire Coordinators Meeting</b> , Plant City, USA
2009	<b>XXIV ISF Congress</b> , Margarita, Venezuela ( <i>Umpire/Playing Rules Commissions</i> )
2009 (Feb)	<b>ISF Regional Umpire Coordinators Meeting</b> , Plant City, USA
2007	<b>XXIII ISF Congress</b> , Manila, Philippines ( <i>Umpire/Playing Rules Commissions</i> )
2001-2007	<b>Softball New Zealand Deputy Director of Umpiring</b>
1998	<b>Softball New Zealand Umpire Review Group</b> ( <i>member</i> )
1997-1998	<b>ISF International Umpire Staff, Co-Regional Coordinator for Oceania.</b>
1997	<b>XVIII ISF Congress</b> , Long Beach, USA ( <i>Umpire/Playing Rules Commissions</i> )
1996-1998	<b>Softball New Zealand Umpire-in-Chief</b>
1992-1996	<b>Softball New Zealand Deputy Umpire-in-Chief (Central)</b>
1990-1992	<b>Hutt Valley Umpires Association Chief Umpire</b>
1987-90, 1992-93, 2003-07	<b>Hutt Valley Umpires Association President</b>
1974-1976	<b>IV ISF Men's World Championship</b> ( <i>Organising Comm. - Transport Convenor</i> )

### ***Clinic Facilitator***



### ***International***

2014	<b>International Certification Seminar, New Zealand</b> (Ass't facilitator/evaluator)
2011	<b>International Certification Seminar, Australia</b> (Ass't facilitator/evaluator)
2003, 2006	<b>International Certification Seminar, New Zealand</b> (Ass't evaluator)
1996	<b>International Certification Seminar, New Zealand</b> (facilitator)

### ***National***

2001	<b>National Umpires Seminar</b>
1992-2014	<b>National and Regional Training Schools (Northern, Central and Southern)</b>

### ***Areas of Particular***

### ***Skill and Expertise***

• Rules	Interruption and field application, examiner.
• Plate Mechanics	Philosophy, preparation and field application
• Base Mechanics	Philosophy, preparation and field application
• Administration	Infrastructure, communications and operations

### ***Tournament Chief Umpire Experience***

### ***International***



2022	<b>WBSC-SD XVII Men's World Cup</b> , North Harbour, New Zealand (Ass't Umpire Director)
2020	<b>WBSC-SD U18 Men's World Cup</b> , Palmerston Nth, New Zealand (Technical Ass't)

2019	WBSC-SD XVI Men's World Cup, Prague, Czech Republic (Ass't UIC)
2018	WBSC-SD XVI Women's World Cup, Chiba, Japan (Ass't UIC)
2017	WBSC-SD XV Men's World Cup, Whitehorse, Canada (Ass't UIC)
2015	WBSC-SD XIV Men's World Cup, Saskatoon, Canada (Ass't UIC)
2014	ISF Oceania Men's World Cup Qualifier, North Harbour, New Zealand (UIC)
2013	Gilley's Shield, North Harbour, New Zealand (Ass't UIC)
2013	ISF XIII Men's World Championship, North Harbour, New Zealand (Ass't UIC)
2011	ISF Oceania Men's World Championship Qualifier, Canberra, Australia (ISF representative and UIC)
2009	ISF XII Men's World Championship. Saskatoon, Canada (Technical Ass't)
2009	Pacific Men's International Series, Apia, Samoa (UIC)
2008	ISF Oceania Men's World Championship Qualifier, Auckland, New Zealand (UIC)
1998	South Pacific Classic, Christchurch, New Zealand (UIC)

### ***National***

2014/15	National Fastpitch Championship, Men's Open
2013/14	Men's Open.
2012/13	National Fastpitch Championship, Men's Open, Women's Open.
2011/12	National Fastpitch Championship, Men's Open.
2010/11	Men's Open, Secondary Schools Div1.
2009/10	National Fastpitch Championship, Men's Open.
2008/09	NZ National League, Men's Open, U19 Boys
2007/08	NZ National League, Men's Inter-provincial, Women's Inter-provincial, Men's Open
2006/07	U19 Girls
2004/05	U19 Boys
2003/04	Men's Open
1998	Men's Inter-provincial
1997	Men's Inter-provincial and Women's Interclub, Men's Superpitch Finals
1996	Secondary Schools
1995	Women's Interclub, Colts and Fillies
1994	Men's Interclub, U16 Boys
1991	U16 Boys

### **General Softball Experience**

#### ***Hutt Valley Associations***

1976-Present	Member Hutt Valley Softball Umpires Association ( <i>HVSA Delegate-1985/86; Chief Umpire -1990-92; President 1987-90, 1992-93, 2000-07, 2017- present</i> )
2018	Elected Life Member Hutt Valley Softball Association
2005	Hutt Valley Association Distinguished Service Award
2004	Elected Life Member Hutt Valley Softball Umpires Association
2000	HVSA 2004 ISF World Championship Bid – Deputy Chairman/Facilities Director
1989-1999	Member Hutt Valley Ballpark Trust
1983-84	Coach Hutt Valley High School Youth Boys
1983, 2002, 2007	Hutt Valley Umpire of the Year
1976-1978	Softball reporter "Evening Post", Wellington
1974-1976	IVth ISF Men's World Championship Committee - Transportation Convenor
1971	Dowse Cup - Hutt Valley Softballer of the Year
1967-1971	Committee Member HVSA. ( <i>Secretary Schoolchildren's Sub-association 1969-71</i> ).
1960-1974	Representative player

### ***Hutt City United Softball Club***

2019-Present	Elected Patron
1983	Elected Life Member
1979-1982	Club President
1966-71, 1974-78	Executive member ( <i>Deputy Chairman 1974-1978</i> )
1974-1976	Player/coach
1963- 1974	Web Shield ( <i>Three-time New Zealand team selection. 1965 Top Batter - BA 0.786</i> )
1957-1974	Player - Outfield, shortstop and second base ( <i>Bat - LH, throw - RH</i> )
	John Lennon Interclub zone finals ( <i>Sports Report - best catch seen at Hataitai Park</i> )
	Captain of Major A and Major Reserve teams
1963-1966	Schoolchildren's coach

### **Other Sports Involvement**

1993-1994	Parent soccer referee ( <i>Hutt Valley High School</i> )
1992	Soccer coach ( <i>Regional League Under 16 Youth Boys</i> )
1991	Soccer Coach and referee ( <i>Under 15 Youth Boys</i> ).
1969	Attended Outward Bound ( <i>Course 43: Hilary watch</i> )
1956 - 1986	Played: Soccer ( <i>Stokes Valley Club</i> ); Rugby ( <i>Naenae Club and Naenae College</i> ); Boxing ( <i>Railway Club</i> ); Judo ( <i>Waterloo Club</i> ); Scouts ( <i>Cubs to Rovers</i> ); Air Training Corps ( <i>No2 Squadron, Petone</i> )



1957/58 Hutt City United



Wayne with Roy Dalton (first coach and mentor)



Wayne and wife Kath

