

TOURING UMPIRE GUIDE **POSITION DESCRIPTION**

PURPOSE

1. To act as an ambassador for **NEW ZEALAND, SOFTBALL NEW ZEALAND** and **SOFTBALL NEW ZEALAND UMPIRING**
2. To represent New Zealand, **SOFTBALL NEW ZEALAND**, and fellow umpires, to the best of one's ability on tours and at World Championships.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

Pre tour

1. Make contact with tour manager, and SNZ.
2. Ensure all necessary documentation (including comprehensive Insurance coverage-check this with SNZ) and your personal medical requirements are completed promptly.
3. Ensure that uniform and equipment is complete and in good condition, be prepared for all weather conditions.
4. Know ISF rules and mechanics thoroughly; be aware of NZ Notes that may conflict. If you are attending non ISF competitions make yourself aware of any differences.
5. Attain a good standard of physical fitness.

Pre series warm up

1. Comply at all times with the requirements of the tour manager.
2. Carry out any duties that are allocated.
3. Maintain match fitness by participating in warm up games and team practices when invited. Enlist assistance of tour manager if necessary.
4. Maintain a reserved relationship with team members; do not take sides, and know when you are not required. (You are part of the group, but not a part of the team).
5. Fraternalise with local umpires; discuss interpretations, mechanics, etc.

At the Event

1. Be responsible to the designated Umpire in Chief or other official in charge of umpiring.
2. Maintain contact with tour manager
3. Watch, listen, and learn. Perform to the best of your ability.
4. Join with fellow umpires and enjoy friendship and hospitality.
5. Do not openly fraternise with team(s); particularly keep away from NZ dugout.

After the Tour

1. Within three weeks forward a report to Chief Executive Officer, Softball New Zealand, PO Box 1377, Wellington; copy to Umpire-in-Chief
2. The following headings may assist in preparing the report: Appreciation, Administration, Umpire standards, Interpretations, Mechanics, Controversies, Recommendations, Appointments, and Tour Summary.

This guide is not expected to cover all eventualities. The tour umpire shall at all times use their own initiative where appropriate and always act in a professional manner.

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