

# Softball New Zealand Scorers Refresher Examination 2018

Marks

The entire exam will be answered in this booklet.

Sections 1-3 are compulsory sections for ALL scorers.

Section 4 is compulsory for Grade 6 and 7 Scorers.

Grade 5 scorers have the option of completing this section.

Marks:

Sections 1-3 are marked out of 80 as follows:

Section 1: Theory and multiple choice questions - 30 Marks

Section 2: Game Scoring - 25 Marks

Section 3: Analysis - 25 Marks

(Final raw marks will be converted to a Percentage (%) mark for those undertaking sections 1-3 ONLY)

Section 4: Advanced Scorers. Scorers complete either part (a) - Chief Scorers Role OR part (b) - Statisticians Role

Section 4 is worth 20 marks, giving a total of 100 marks attainable.

Time:

Grade 4 & 5 scorers undertaking Sections 1-3 ONLY will have 2 hours 30 to complete the exam.

Scorers undertaking Section 4 as well will have 3 hours to complete the exam.

Scorers may have up to 10 minutes reading time before the exam.

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### Section 1 Theory Questions and Multiple Choice (30 Marks)

1 Give the full symbols for the following situations: (Batter numbers and joiners not required). Write your answers in the boxes to the right hand side of each question.

a	Runner on 3, batter hits a long foul fly ball with the left field catches, runner scores from 3 <sup>rd</sup> after the catch is taken. What do you score on the batter?	SHFF7
b	Batter hits a foul ball, the first base in attempting to catch the ball collides with the first base coach and the batter is called out. What do you score on the batter?	TI3
c	With a runner on 2 <sup>nd</sup> , the batter hits the ball to short stop who checks the runner back to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , then throws to 1 <sup>st</sup> too late for the out. What do you score on the batter?	FC6
d	The umpire rules that the batter is out for an infringement of the substitution rule. What do you score on the batter?	IS2
e	With 2 outs and a runner on 3, batter hits the ball to 3 <sup>rd</sup> base who throws to first for the out. First base however, has his foot off the base and the batter/baserunner is called safe. The runner from 3 scores. What do you score on the runner coming home?	53E
f	What do you score on the batter going to 1 <sup>st</sup> in the above situation?	5E3
g	Batter on 1 <sup>st</sup> is called out for leaving base early.	CS3
h	On an open diamond, a large hit to left field, the ball hits a tree and the runner is sent back to 3 <sup>rd</sup> base by the umpire for a blocked ball ruling. What do you score on the batter?	++ 7A

(4 Marks)

2 The DP is batting 4<sup>th</sup> in the lineup, for the pitcher. Answer Yes/No - circling the CORRECT option.

a	When batter 4 is due to bat, can the pitcher bat instead of the DP?	YES/NO
b	Can the DP then bat again the next time batter 4 comes up to bat?	YES/NO
c	Can the team start with 9 players and bring on a DP in the 5 <sup>th</sup> innings?	YES/NO
d	Can a team have a DH and a DP in the same game?	YES/NO
e	Can the DP play in the field?	YES/NO
f	If a baserunner is replaced by a DR, does he need to be re-entered?	YES/NO
g	Can the DR stay on and field in the original player's position?	YES/NO
h	Can a DR be substituted?	YES/NO

(4 Marks)

3 Wild Pitch. Provide your answers in the box below each question.

a	What is the difference between a passed ball and a wild pitch? <b>Official Definitions are:</b> A passed ball is a pitch that should have been held or controlled by the catcher with ordinary effort. A wild pitch is a pitch so high, so low, or so wide of the plate that the catcher cannot, or does not, stop and control it with ordinary effort.
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	The difference is that a passed ball is a pitch that the catcher could have controlled with ordinary effort, whereas a wild pitch is one that the catcher could not have been expected to control it with ordinary effort. Key phrase here is 'with ordinary effort'.
b	What should you do when 2 or more runners advance on the same wild pitch to ensure that the one wild pitch is not charged against the pitcher twice? Put a dot over the WP symbol on the lead runner.

(2 Marks)

- 4 Give four different situations where the illegal running symbol (IR) would be scored.

Any Four of these	Running outside the 1 metre line, thus interfering with the throw. (Rule 8, Sec. 2 g)
	Running bases in reverse (Rule 8, Sec. 9 r)
	Passing Preceding Runner(Rule 8, Sec. 9 e)
	Failure to return after suspension of play(Rule 8, Sec. 9 d)
	Removing batting helmet(Rule 3, Sec. 6 e)
	Off base when the pitcher has the ball(Rule 8, Sec. 9 v)

(4 Marks)

- 5 When proving your box score:

a	Where do you get the POS total from? From the fielding analysis on the other side of the scoresheet
b	Where do you get the AB total from? The total of the AB column on the batting analysis
c	Where do you get the LOB total from? The total number of Left on Base from all innings for that team – add up the LOB in all innings on the same side of the scoresheet
d	What figure(s) should the added up totals on each side of the box score be the same as? The total number of Plate Appearances on the opposite pitching side OR the total of the In Box on the batting on the same side.

(2 Marks)

- 6 True/False - Is the statement in each question TRUE or FALSE. Circle the CORRECT answer.

a	If a batter overruns 2 <sup>nd</sup> base on a safe hit and is tagged out trying to return, he is awarded a 2 base hit.	TRUE/FALSE
b	The third out in the 7 <sup>th</sup> innings becomes the tiebreaker in the 8 <sup>th</sup> innings.	TRUE/FALSE
c	With 2 out the runner from 3 scores after a deep FE9, the batter gets a sacrifice.	TRUE/FALSE
d	If the batter makes base on a Catcher's Interference, it's an error on the catcher.	TRUE/FALSE
e	If you notice a batter has not been re-entered you should immediately tell the umpire as well as both teams.	TRUE/FALSE
f	If a substitute is replaced by another substitute the original player can re-enter the game.	TRUE/FALSE
g	The tie breaker runner cannot be a designated runner.	TRUE/FALSE
h	If there are no runners on base and the pitcher throws an illegal pitch, this does not get recorded as an illegal pitch against the pitching stats.	TRUE/FALSE
i	A runner picked off at first base by the catcher is charged with a Caught Stealing.	TRUE/FALSE
j	If a thrown ball hits a runner, allowing the runner to reach base safely, an error is charged against the thrower.	TRUE/FALSE
k	A foul tip caught on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> strike is a strikeout.	TRUE/FALSE

(5 Marks)

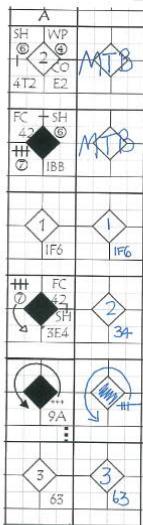
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7 Multiple Choice - Which is the MOST correct way to score the following plays. Circle the letter of your choice.

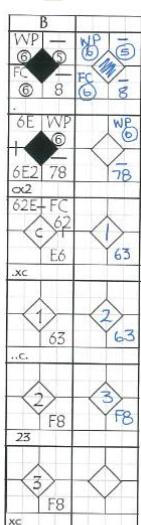
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| a | The correct batter should be batter 3, but batter 4 bats instead and gets struck out. How do you score batter 3?   | (i) <del>I2</del>                             | (ii) <del>K</del>                         | (iii) <del>MTB</del>                      | (iv) <del>I62</del>                        |
| b | On the same play in (a) above, if batter 3 now bats who could be ruled out for batting out of order?   | (i) <del>Batter 3</del>                       | (ii) <del>Batter 4</del>                  | (iii) <del>Batter 5</del>                 | (iv) <del>Batter 6</del>                   |
| c | In the case of (a) & (b) above, who should be the correct batter up?   | (i) <del>Batter 3</del>                       | (ii) <del>Batter 4</del>                  | (iii) <del>Batter 5</del>                 | (iv) <del>Batter 6</del>                   |
| d | The count is 1 ball and 1 strike and there are no outs. The batter fouls off the next pitch, but the runner on 1 <sup>st</sup> is called out for lead off. What is the strike on the batter? | (i) <del>1 ball,</del><br><del>1 strike</del> | <del>1 ball</del><br><del>2 strikes</del> | <del>2 balls</del><br><del>1 strike</del> | <del>2 balls</del><br><del>2 strikes</del> |
| e | In the play in (d) above what do you score on the baserunner?  | (i) <del>I23</del>                            | (ii) <del>CS3</del>                       | (iii) <del>CS2T3</del>                    | (iv) <del>CS2</del>                        |
| f | How many runs must a team be ahead by for the Run Ahead (Mercy) rule to be applied in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> innings?   | <del>7</del>                                  | <del>10</del>                             | (iii) <del>15</del>                       | (iv) <del>20</del>                         |
| g | How many runs must a team be ahead by for the Run Ahead (Mercy) rule to be applied in the 4 <sup>th</sup> innings?   | (i) <del>7</del>                              | (ii) <del>10</del>                        | <del>15</del>                             | <del>20</del>                              |
| h | How many runs must a team be ahead by for the Run Ahead (Mercy) rule to be applied in the 5 <sup>th</sup> innings?   | (i) <del>7</del>                              | <del>10</del>                             | <del>15</del>                             | <del>20</del>                              |
| j | Which of the following is an advance error?  | (i) <del>E7</del>                             | (ii) <del>E72</del>                       | (iii) <del>E2</del>                       | (iv) <del>(7)E2</del>                      |
| k | Which of the following situations should the Illegal Batting Symbol (IG) NOT be used for?  | (i) <del>Using an altered bat</del>           | (ii) <del>Batting out of order</del>      | <del>Batting out of the box</del>         | <del>Batters Interference</del>            |

(5 Marks)

8 Work out the Earned Runs for the following two innings. Show your working.



Number of Earned Runs



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## Section 2

## Game Scoring Marker Notes

Inn	Batter	Comment
1	1	This was caught by the pitcher in foul territory – therefore FF1
2	4	Key wording here is "batter-baserunner already safe at first". This tells you that the batter reached base on the FE6 rather than the E63.
	5	1st base has slipped over, therefore it must be the 2nd Base who takes the throw.
	6	Key wording – "makes a great diving save and attempts to make a throw to first off the ground". This indicates that the short stop made more than ordinary effort. Therefore give the batter a hit to reach first. Then the wild throw would take the runner the extra base to second.
	6	Some forgot to advance the runner at second on the Illegal Pitch.
	6	With runners on 2nd and 3rd the out at home is not a force out so this would have been a tag play.
	7	As no runner advanced on the bunt, this is not scored as a SH. The unsuccessful bunt symbol show is needed.
3	1	Key words – "drops an easy catch" – FFE4
	3	With a runner on 3rd Base that was tagging up, should the catch in deep right field have been caught this would have been scored as a SH, therefore with the dropped catch score this as SHFE9.
	6	Baserunner running into the second base – out. Batter baserunner reaches 1st on the FC.
4	9	Four balls gives the batter the walk - BB
4	1	The umpire has ruled that the baserunner has left the base early – Batter #9 becomes the 3rd out. This is a dead ball, so the pitch is not recorded in the pitch count and batter #1 will come back into the box as the first batter of the 5th innings.
5	1	This is scored as a safe bunt. The Scorers Manual (3.s.2) indicates that slow handing is not considered to be an error unless some other misplay takes place as well.

5	3	Advance the runner on 2nd to 3 with the F play and then using the connecting, put the runner safe at home with the (9)E4. The brackets show that this is an advance error. There was no chance of an out – but it allowed the runner to advance.
5	5	Don't forget the fielding change line to show that the opposition have made a substitution.
6	6	You should have made the pitching change for the Cubs team. Show in the fielding change columns by putting Carter into position 1. For King put a 0 in the position area to show that he has been taken out of the field.
6	6	Don't forget to put the error on the catcher in the catcher's obstruction (COE2) down into the end of inning analysis.
6	9	Don't forget to show the pitching change line
6	9	The batter reaches base on the FC. After the short stop has thrown the ball to 1st, the 1st base then throws the ball to 2nd base to try and get the runner who is now heading to 2nd. As 2nd base would have had him out (has him cold but drops the ball) score an error on the 2nd base and give an assist to 1st base. Shortstop does not get an assist as well as it is not the play at 2nd that the short stop was trying to make the out on – but the play at 1st. However you do show the shortstop's throw to first by using brackets – (6)3E4. Don't forget to put 1st base's assist down in the fielding end of inning analysis.
6	2	As the out is taken at home, the other runner advances to 2nd on the FC. It is not a caught stealing home as the runner going from 3rd was not stealing home.
7		Don't forget the substitution and fielding changes.
7	4	Some of you may have forgotten that you need to make assumptions based on your knowledge of game play. If there is a single to right field (although it's shallow) it is probable that the runner on 2nd base will have moved to 3rd base. This becomes crucial in subsequent plays.
7	5	Don't forget the unsuccessful bunt symbol.
7	6	The pitcher should also get an assist here as the hit ball significantly altered course that led to the out.

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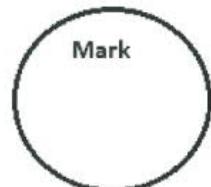
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No.	PLAYERS	Pos.	Pos.	S	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	10 Mike BIRD	8												
2	1 Ken FOSTER	7	1											
3	15 Fred TIMMS 6 Charlie PYKE	3	7											
4	16 Larer KNIGHT	6												
5	11 Chris POTTER	2												
6	21 Kyle DENNIS	9	7											
7	23 Sam CARTER	4	6											
8	4 Mitch KING	1	6											
9	18 Paul LUCAS	4												
10	19 Rick HICKEY	5												
11	13 Alex ADAMS			Runs	Total	-	-	1	1	2	2	3	1	4
12	29 Nathan MATTHEWS			Hits	LOB	-	-	1	2	2	1	-	2	1
13	29 Nick PETERS			K	BB	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-
14	3 Tom LEWIS			WP	FB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
15	6 Charlie PYKE			B	S	4	7	4	10	7	17	8	7	3
16				A		9	2	6	9	4	6	3	21	1
17				PO		1	8	3	4	2	7	4	2	4
				E		6	6	4	9	1	4	2	4	5

### Game Scoring Section

Fill in the scoresheet with the lineup provided to you.

Score the game.

You are required to complete the end of innings analysis.



NAME:  
MASTER ANSWER

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## CHIEFS

Vs. STARS

VENUE CARTER PARK Dia 2 DATE 27-05-2018

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## STARS

Vs. CHIEFS

VENUE CARTER PARK

Dia

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#### Section 4 - Advanced Scorers Section

- 1 At a tournament Chief Scorers and Statisticians will need to check scorer's scoresheets for accuracy. List twelve different (12) things that you would check.

Any Twelve of these	The Box score has been proved correctly
	Count the dots in the Earned Runs in the body of the scoresheet, and make sure that the correct number have been charged against the pitchers.
	The Box Score total should equal the total BF by all pitchers on the opposing team, and also the total of the IB column. (If the box score doesn't balance this check will show you which side of the box score total is wrong).
	Check RBIs by counting the runs in the body of the scoresheet that qualify as RBIs, and then make sure that this equals the total of the RBI column.
	Innings Pitched x 3 = put outs on opposite side of fielding.
	If there have been any batting changes, make sure that all the batting analysis has been split including PR's & DR's
	If there have been any fielding changes, make sure that the fielding analysis (especially pitching and catching), has been split.
	Where there are two or more pitchers that the pitching analysis is split correctly
	Where there are two or more catchers that the catching analysis is split correctly.
	SB's and CS's are analysed in batting analysis
	All end of innings analysis figures have been dropped down correctly (especially WP, PB & IP)
	The start, finish and total time has been recorded correctly.

(6 marks)

#### Part B - Chief Scorer Role

- 1 When speaking as the Tournament Chief Scorer at the Managers Meeting, name 4 things that you should mention to the teams.

Any four of

Welcome visiting team scorers
The location of the scorers' room
The location of a notice board for daily stats
The policy with respect to photocopies of scoresheets
If you have exam games and bar games, let them know there could be more than 1 scorer on a game. Tell them to deal only with the official scorer (especially for substitutions) and that you will look after the others.
Make sure everyone understands how to fill in a lineup sheet (especially DP and DR). Offer to help if necessary.
Also offer to help if anyone doesn't understand what the DP can and can't do. The Chief Umpire may cover this
Make sure players names are <b>spelt correctly</b> . This could affect life time statistics.

(2 Marks)

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2 Explain the catcher replacement rule and which player may come in to run for the catcher.

A catcher who is on base with two out may be replaced by a temporary runner. This runner must be the player scheduled to bat last at the time of replacement and is not on the base at the time the option is taken.

(2 Marks)

3 What are the requirements for a team scorer who is sitting a bar exam during a national tournament.

- Produce one of their games daily – you need to negotiate which games you want
- Complete the bar game – let them know early which game, and try to be flexible
- Contact you on the first day of tournament to discuss this – but please be proactive
- Be up to badge-holder standard

(2 Marks)

4 Who does the Chief Scorers Tournament Report go to and in what time frame should it be sent?

SNZ Chief Scorer – within five days

(2 Marks)

5 Tied Team

	NN	AK	WN	WK	OT	SL	NH	CB	F - A	W - L	B(1)	B (2)	PTS
Nelson		2-1	6-2	9-0	0-2*	1-5	4-0	3-2	25-12	5 - 2	0	1	27 2
Auckland	1-2		4-3*	2-6	0-4	1-0	1-3	2-4	11-22	2 - 5	3	0	13 6
Wellington	2-6	3-4*		2-5	1-7	0-8	2-1	3-0*	13-31	2 - 5	0	1	12 7
Waikato	0-9	6-2	5-2		4-1	2-7	2-3	1-2	20-26	3 - 4	2	0	17 5
Otago	2-0*	4-0	7-1	1-4		0-3	10-1	4-3	28-12	5 - 2	0	0	25 3
Southland	5-1	0-1	8-0	7-2	3-0		4-0	3-5	30-9	5 - 2	2	0	27 1
North Harbour	0-4	3-1	1-2	3-2	1-10	0-4		3-7	11-30	2 - 5	1	0	11 8
Canterbury	2-3	4-2	0-3*	2-1	3-4	5-3	7-3		23-19	4 - 3	0	1	22 4

Show your working below

Southland beat Nelson, therefore are first place.

(6 Marks)

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### Part C - Statistician Role

1 Table (a) below is the batting statistics of the Aces team during a tournament, minus the batting averages. In readiness for compiling the top batters list, complete the batting averages in the batting average column (1).

(4 Marks)

Table (a)

Name	PA	AB	H	Batting Ave (1)	Cut off Y/N (3)
A Abbot	19	16	9	.563	Y
B Black	27	25	12	.480	Y
C Charles	21	20	8	.400	Y
D Dixon	26	24	9	.375	Y
E Ellis	22	22	8	.364	Y
F Fraser	23	19	6	.316	Y
G Gibson	20	18	5	.278	Y
H Hill	22	13	3	.231	Y
I Ingalls	14	10	1	.100	N
J Jackson	1	1	1	1.000	N
K Kerr	11	8	3	.375	N
L Lester	10	8	3	.375	N
M Mitchell	8	7	2	.286	N
N Norton	10	9	2	.222	N

Cut Off Point (2)	17 plate appearances 60% of the highest Plate appearance (27) = 16.2
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2 Using table (a) in question 1, what is the cut off point for inclusion in the batting lists for the Aces team. Write it in box (2) above. In order to get full marks correctly show your working.

(2 Marks)

3 In column (3) place a Y or N beside the players who make the cutoff point

(1 Mark)

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4 Table (b) is the pitching statistics for the same team. In readiness for compiling the top pitchers list, complete the Earned Run Average for the pitchers in the ERA Column (4)

(2 Marks)

Table (b)

Name	G	BF	Inn	ER	ERA (4)	Cutoff Y/N (6)
A Abbot	5	81	20.0	4	1.40	Y
E Ellis	3	10	3.0	0	0.00	N
G Gibson	4	61	13.0	2	1.08	N
N Norton	4	25	7.0	2	2.00	N

Cut Off Point (5)	71 Batters Faced Working: 40% of total BF (77) = 70.8 Rounded up
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5 Using table (b) what is the cut off point for inclusion in the pitching list for the Aces team. Write it in box (5). In order to get full marks, correctly show your working.

(2 Marks)

6 In column (6) place a Y or N beside the players who make the cutoff point

(1 Mark)

7 Who does the Tournament Statisticians Report go to and in what time frame should it be sent?

SNZ Statistician – within five days
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(2 Marks)