

Position:	Softball New Zealand New Zealand Statistician
Position Type:	Volunteer
Reports to:	Softball New Zealand Chief Scorer
Location:	Flexible
Term of	2 Years
appointment:	

#### Softball New Zealand/Poiuka Aotearoa

**Our Vision: Whakakitenga** – we want softball to be a sport for life. One that evolves as it needs to, is enjoyed by all those who connect with the game in any capacity and is characterised by success.

Softball in Aotearoa is a whānau sport. Across the generations the sport brings families and communities together for play and enjoyment. A truly gender equal game, softball is alive with growth and opportunity with over 20,000 participants nationwide. It is also a game popular with Māori and Pacific families who make up more than 60% of the game's participants.

Softball New Zealand is the national sporting organisation charged with the responsibility of leading softball in New Zealand. We ensure our Men's Black Sox and Women's White Sox teams are competitive on the world stage; we develop and deliver quality national sports programmes at community and high-performance level; and we run world class events and tournaments.

### About the role

The Softball New Zealand Statistician is responsible for overseeing tournament statisticians, ensuring the accurate collection, validation, and reporting of player and game statistics across both international and inter-provincial levels.

This role plays a key part in preserving historical game records, supporting official scorers, and contributing to the growth and accuracy of softball statistical reporting.

Additionally, the Statistician collaborates with the Chief Scorer and Deputy Chief Scorers to identify, train, and mentor future statisticians, ensuring the continued development of scoring expertise.

This is a volunteer role. Softball New Zealand will pay all reasonable expenses incurred when the role holder is involved in approved team activities.

The successful candidate will be required to undergo the Sport Integrity Commission – Child Safeguarding and protection course.

# Key responsibilities:

**National Statistics Management:** Enabling the accurate collection, verification, and preservation of inter-provincial softball statistics by

- Working with other scoring panel members on selecting Official Scorers for national tournaments.
- Collaborating effectively with Tournament Statisticians to maintain consistency of statistical record keeping and support the tournament statistician role.
- Supporting training efforts for Official Scorers assigned to national tournaments.
- Overseeing the receipt, verification, and validation of scoresheets and statistical records for national tournaments, to ensure accuracy and consistency in recorded game data
- Maintaining national tournament game data within historical statistical records
- Publishing national tournament statistics, to provide accessible reports for relevant stakeholders

International-Level Statistics Management: Ensuring the accurate collection,

verification and historical preservation of New Zealand's international softball statistics by:

- Collaborating with the Chief Scorer and appointed national team scorers to provide statistical insights to national team management to support player development and selection.
- Liaising with the Softball New Zealand Chief Scorer on the selection of scorers for international appointments
- Assisting with training of scorers for international appointments
- Ensuring the timely receipt and verification of scoresheets and statistical records of international game records
- Collating international game data into a historical database for long-term reference and to track National team caps.
- Publishing international game statistics as required by the Softball New Zealand Chief Scorer and Softball New Zealand

Training and Development: Strengthening the sphere of skilled softball statisticians by;

- Assisting the National Chief Scorer and Deputy Chief Scorers to identify and train potential Statisticians
- Enabling the preparation of training material and resources for Statisticians to a high standard
- Attending training clinics and workshops to mentor and guide aspiring statisticians
- Supporting aspiring statisticians into official statistician roles
- Informing the national scoring panel with current information on aspiring statisticians and official scorers for grading purposes.

### Required skill set:

# **Essential Skills & Experience:**

- Strong knowledge of softball scoring, statistics collection, and historical data management.
- Meticulous attention to detail in checking, validating, and recording game statistics.
- Proven ability to oversee tournament statisticians, ensuring consistency across multiple events.
- Strong communication and collaboration skills to liaise with Chief Scorers, Official Scorers, and stakeholders.
- Ability to organize, analyse, and publish statistical data in accessible formats.

# **Preferred Experience:**

- Softball New Zealand Badge Holder with a preferred Grade 6 minimum.
- Previous experience managing softball statistics at national or international tournaments.
- Accreditation or certification in sports statistics or scoring administration.
- Familiarity with electronic scoring systems and statistical analysis tools.
- Experience in training and mentoring scorers, particularly for major tournaments.
- Knowledge of publishing statistical reports, ensuring clear and professional documentation.

Relationships:	
Main internal stakeholders	SNZ Chief Scorer GM High Performance SNZ Business Support Administrator National Coaches, management and players National pathway coaches Other national scoring panel members Scorers across the country
Main external stakeholders	Regional associations World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC)