

## Executive Summary – Wiremu Tamaki, International Softball Umpire

Wiremu is one of Oceania's senior fast pitch softball umpires and a member of the International Softball Federation attaining his ISF status in January 2003.

Undoubtedly the major highlight in Wiremu's umpiring career was his appointment by the International Softball Federation to the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China. At this tournament Wiremu was appointed as the home plate umpire in the gold medal game between USA and Japan. Additionally, Wiremu attended the XIII ISF Men's World Championship in Auckland, New Zealand in March 2013, the XII ISF Men's World Championship in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada in July 2009 and the ISC Men's Fastball World Tournament in Midland, Michigan, USA in August 2010. In working towards these major tournaments Wiremu has attended many international tournaments which have prepared him for these exciting tournaments. These have included:

- Canada Cup International Women's Fastpitch Tournament – July 2008, White Rock, Surrey, Vancouver, Canada
- ISF Men's Oceania World Series Qualifier - April 2008, North Harbour, New Zealand
- Women's International Challenge Series - March 2008, Sydney, Australia
- ISF Junior Women's World Series - June 2007, Enschede, Netherlands
- ISF Men's World Series - February 2004, Christchurch, New Zealand

Wiremu's notable field assignments in his international career in addition to being appointed to the Plate in the Gold Medal Game of the Olympics have included, Plate in the prelim play off at the XIII ISF Men's World Series in Auckland, New Zealand, Plate in the Final of the ISC Men's Fastball World Tournament in Midland, Michigan, USA, Plate in the prelim play off at the XII ISF Men's World Series in Saskatoon, Canada, Plate on the Grand Final of the ISF Men's Oceania World Series Qualifier in North Harbour, New Zealand, Plate on the Grand Final of the ISF Junior Women's World Series in Enschede, Netherlands and Plate on the prelim semi final at the XIth ISF Men's World Series in Christchurch, New Zealand.

On a national level Wiremu continues to contribute to Softball New Zealand's umpiring programme through his field assignments at the top level of the game in New Zealand as a field umpire and a Tournament Chief Umpire.

In November 2008 Wiremu was recognised by his Iwi (Tribe), Tainui, as the "Official of the Year" and went on to win the same category at the New Zealand Maori Sports Awards in December 2008. In the same year Wiremu was recognised by his sports body, Softball New Zealand, as the Umpire of the Year and the supreme award, Softballer of the Year. In May 2009 Wiremu was recognised by his hometown, Wellington, as the BDO Spicers, "Official of the Year". In the following year Wiremu was recognised by his sports body, Softball New Zealand as the Umpire of the Year and again, Softballer of the Year for the supreme award.

Wiremu is the Umpire in Chief – Blenheim and secretary / treasurer of the Wellington Umpires Softball Association. He is also a member of the National Umpiring Staff as a Deputy Director of Umpiring and assistant Website Manager.

Wiremu has worked one ISC World Tournament, one Olympic Championship, four ISF World Championships, one ISF World Series Qualifier, eight International Tournaments / Test Series and one Trans Tasman Exchange. Umpiring 105 International games, 100 were full Internationals of which 12 were at Olympic Championship level and 70 were at ISF World Series level.

Wiremu has been appointed to 46 New Zealand National Tournaments since 1997 and has worked 22 National Tournament Grand Finals. Additionally Wiremu has been UIC at eleven National Tournaments and three local tournaments.

Below is a detailed resume of Wiremu's umpiring career excluding details of appointments to Internal Internationals, Major Club tournaments and local championships.



## Sports Circular Vitae (as at December 19 2014)

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<i>Present Positions</i>	Deputy Director of Umping, Assistant Website Manager Secretary and Treasurer of the Wellington Softball Umpires Association		
<i>Qualifications</i>	International Softball Federation	Accreditation	January 2003
	New Zealand Softball Association	Level 4 Accreditation	January 1999
<i>National Awards</i>	<b>Tainui Sports Awards – Official of the Year</b>		<b>2004</b>
	<b>Softball New Zealand Sports Awards:</b>		
	- Umpire of the Year and Softballer of the Year		<b>2008</b>
	<b>New Zealand Maori Sports Awards – Official of the Year</b>		<b>2008</b>
	<b>Wellington Sports Awards – Official of the Year</b>		<b>2009</b>
	<b>Softball New Zealand Sports Awards:</b>		
	- Umpire of the Year and Softballer of the Year		<b>2010</b>

### Major Achievements - Field Umpire

<b>2014</b>	<b>ISF Men's Oceania World Series Qualifier</b> , North Harbour, New Zealand (Total games: 1 plate 1 base)		
<b>2013</b>	<b>XIII ISF Men's World Championship</b> , Auckland, New Zealand (Total games: 4 plate, 13 base) Prelim Play Off:   Australia   v   Argentina   (Plate) Semi Final:        Australia   v   Venezuela   (1 <sup>st</sup> Base)		
<b>2010</b>	<b>ISC Men's Fastball World Tournament</b> , Midland, Michigan, USA (Total games: 8 plate, 11 base) Prelim Play Off:   Kitchener Riversharks v Chicago/New York   (Plate) Grand Final:       Kitchener Riversharks v Jarvis Travellers   (Plate)		
<b>2009</b>	<b>XII ISF Men's World Championship</b> , Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada (Total games: 4 plate, 12 base) Prelim Play Off:       Japan   v   Argentina   (Plate) Grand Final:        Alternate 2 <sup>nd</sup> base umpire if Australia played Canada		
<b>2008</b>	<b>Beijing Olympics Women's World Championship</b> , Beijing, China (Total games: 4 plate, 8 base) Grand Final:        USA   v   Japan (plate)		

**2008** **ISF Men's Oceania World Series Qualifier**, North Harbour, New Zealand  
(Total games: 2 plate, 5 base)  
Grand Final: New Zealand Black Soxs v Australia (plate)

**2007** **ISF Junior Women's World Series**, Enschede, Netherlands  
(Total games: 5 plate, 8 base)  
Grand Final: USA v Japan (plate)

**2004** **XIth ISF Men's World Championship**, Christchurch, New Zealand  
(Total games: 4 plate, 11 base)  
Silver Medal game: Canada v Australia (3rd<sup>d</sup> base)  
Prelim Semi Final: Japan v Australia (Plate)  
Section play: USA v Japan (plate)

### **Additional Overseas International Tournaments and Competitions**

**2012** **North American Black Sox's Tour**, Ontario, Canada, Pennsylvania and New York, USA)

**2009** **Monkton World Invitational**, Monkton, Ontario, Canada  
(Total games: 2 plate, 8 base)  
Monkton Exhibition Final New Zealand Black Soxs v South Perth All Stars (2<sup>nd</sup> base)

**2009** **Vancouver Challenge Cup**, South Memorial Park, Vancouver, Canada  
(Total games: 1 plate, 6 base)  
Grand Final: Japan v Vancouver Grey Socks (Observer)

**2008** **Canada Cup International Women's Fastpitch Tournament**, White Rock, Vancouver, Canada  
(Total games: 4 plate, 12 base)  
Grand Final: Japan v Australia (1<sup>st</sup> base)

**2008** **International Women's Challenge**, Sydney, Australia  
(Total games: 2 plate, 6 base)  
Bronze Medal Game: China v ACT (2nd base)

**2003** **Trans Tasman Exchange**, Brisbane, Australia  
(Total games: 3 plate, 8 base)  
Silver Medal Game: ACT v Victoria (1<sup>st</sup> base)



### **Internal Internationals**

2004	Women's Tri-series (Japan/China/White Sox) 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) International Series (Japanese u19 Junior Men's Tour)

### **National Tournaments**

2003-2009	<b>New Zealand National League Men's</b> <i>Grand Final: (Plate) 2008, 2009 (1<sup>st</sup> base) 2006/2007, (1<sup>st</sup> base) 2005, (2<sup>nd</sup> base) 2004/2005, (3<sup>rd</sup> base) 2003</i>
2003 – 2004, 2008, 2012	<b>Men's National Provincial Cup</b> <i>Grand final: (Plate) January 2003, (Plate) December 2003, (1<sup>st</sup> base) 2004, (Plate) 2008, (1<sup>st</sup> base) 2012, (1<sup>st</sup> Base), (Plate) 2012</i>
1999 – 2005, 2008-2011, 2013	<b>Men's Inter-club</b> <i>Grand final: (2<sup>nd</sup> base) 2004, (3<sup>rd</sup> base) 2005, (1<sup>st</sup> base) 2008, (1<sup>st</sup> base) 2009, (Plate) 2010, (Plate) 2011), (Third Base) 2013)</i>
2006	<b>Women's National Provincial Cup</b> <i>Grand final: (Plate) 2006</i>
2000, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2014,	<b>U19 Boys</b> <i>Grand final: (Plate) 2003, (1<sup>st</sup> base) 2004, (Original Plate appointment forgone to candidates being selected for Junior World Series 2008) 2008</i> UIC 2012, 2014
1998, 2012	<b>U17 Boys</b> UIC 2012
2002, 2004, 2005, 2008	<b>U17 Girls</b> Assistant Examiner 2004, UIC 2005, (Plate) 2008
1999, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2014	<b>U15 Boys</b> UIC 2006, 2014
1998, 2007, 2010, 2011	<b>U15 Girls</b> UIC 2010, UIC 2011
2012	<b>U15 Boys and Girls – South</b> UIC 2012
2000, 2001, 2009	<b>Secondary School Students (College)</b> UIC 2009

### **Major Club**

1999- 2004	Doreen Dalton Memorial (Hutt City United)
2004, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011	
2012, 2013, 2014	Vic Guth
2004, 2005, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013	Dean Schick
1999 - 2000	Island Bay Classic

2011, 2012, 2013 GJ Gardiner Fastpitch Classic – Nelson  
2010, 2011 Lion Red Classic – Hawkes Bay

### *Field Umpire Experience*

1997 - present **Full time umpire in the Wellington / Hutt Valley Districts**  
1990 - 1996 **Player Umpire / Coach**

### *Major Achievements - Administration*

2007 – 2013 **Wellington Softball Association - Executive Board Member**  
2000 – Present **Wellington Softball Umpires Association – Secretary / Treasurer**  
1993 – 1998 **St George Softball Club – President**

### *Tournament Chief Umpire Experience*

#### *National*

2005 U17 Girls  
2006 U15 Boys  
2009 Secondary Schools Nationals – Boys and Girls – Division 1  
2010 U15Girls  
2011 U15 Girls  
2012 U15 Boys and Girls – South Island  
U17 Boys  
2013 U19 Girls  
2014 U15 Boys  
U19 Boys

