

Executive Summary

Mark Porteous



Mark has an extensive playing background and since retirement, as a player, has remained “on the diamond” by taking up umpiring.

He has played Softball since childhood starting in the Waikato. After playing in the usual age group teams he made the senior Waikato team in 1979 and attended his first Provincials. After a season in Prescott Arizona (1981) and some time spent playing in the Auckland competition he moved to the North Shore in 1984-85. He commenced at the Glenfield Club and transferred to Northcote in 1985 and was an active member of that club until 2006. He also spent another “off season” in Vancouver Canada in 1988.

He represented North Shore and subsequently North Harbour as either a player or coach for many years culminating in being assistant coach of the North Harbour representative men’s team for four years 2001-2005.

He also coached a junior team for several seasons from U10 Tee Ball through until the team reached U15’s. He was Junior Coach of the Year for the Northcote Club in 2001.

Whilst playing overseas, firstly in the USA and subsequently in Canada he began umpiring to enhance his knowledge of the game. He also became a regular club and team umpire at local level when called upon.

After retiring as a player at the end of the 2005 season he decided to umpire at local level regularly. Serious umpiring began in the 2006-07 season.

He has risen through the ranks quickly due, in part, to his fundamental knowledge of the game from playing for so long and he achieved ISF qualification in 2011.

He has subsequently attended five World Championships – The Junior Boys in Argentina in 2012 and the Senior Men’s in Canada 2015 & 2017 and Prague 2019 and the U18 Junior Men’s in New Zealand 2020. As well as several other International Series. He also umpired at the Women’s Olympic Qualifier in Shanghai, China and the highlight of his career he officiated at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan.

Sports Curriculum Vitae

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Present Position	NZ Badge holder WBSC Umpire (1223)
Personal	Married with two adult children

Umpiring achievements

2006-07

- Attained Level 3
- Women's National League
- Men's National League
- U19 girls Australia v NZ
- AFC Finals Day (men's semi U1 & women's final U3)
- Winner Ian Legg Trophy (NHSA)

2007-08

- Attained Level 4 (Badge)
- Dean Schick – Tournament team
- Women's Open Club Nationals (U1 3rd & 4th play-off)
- Umpire NZ Black Sox v North Harbour (World Series Qualifier – warm-up games)
- Winner Dave Seaton Memorial (NHSA)
- Winner Ken Morgan Trophy (NHSA)

2008-2009

- Dean Schick Tournament
- AFC Finals Day (women's semi U1 & men's Plate Final – plate)
- Nominated AFC umpire of the year
- Men's Open Club Nationals (2nd Division semi-final U3, 1st Division semi-final OF)
- Attained Level 5 – June 2009

2009-2010

- Gillies Shield – Round Two Waverley, VIC, Australia
- NFC - Christchurch – Men's Semi Final (U1), Men's Final (U2)
- U19 Boy's Nationals – North Harbour - 3rd/4th Play-off (U1)
- Vic Guth Memorial – Final (U3)
- Dean Schick Tournament – Plate Semi-Final (P) Semi-Final (U3)
- AFC - Premier Men – Semi-Final (P)
- AFC - Premier Men – Final (P)
- Attained Level 6 – June 2010

2010-2011

- Tauranga Classic – Premier Men - Final (P)
- Gillies Shield – Round One Blacktown, NSW, Australia
- Choate Classic – Premier Men - Final (P)
- U17 Boy's Nationals – North Harbour - Semi (P), Final (U3)
- Vic Guth – Premier Men – Final (P)
- John Reid Men's Open – Brisbane, QLD, Australia
- Attained ISF Level 7 – February 2011
- Men's Open Club Nationals – Semi-Final (U1) Final (RF)

2011-2012

- Bear's Tournament – Premier Men - Final (U1)
- Canberra (Australia) International Skins – Premier Men – Final (U3)
- ISF World Series Qualifier – ACT Australia
- Vic Guth – Final (U2)
- Dean Schick – Final (U3)
- NFC – Hutt Valley – Men's Minor Semi-Final (P), Men's Major Semi-Final (U2), Men's Final (U3)
- AFC – Premier Men – Final (U1)
- New Zealand National Men's Open – Auckland – Final (P)

2012-2013

- ISF Junior Men's World Championships – Parana – Argentina
- 15 games, 4 plates, Grand Final (U1)
- NFC – North Harbour – Men's Semi-Final (P), Men's Semi-Final (U1), Men's Final (OF)
- New Zealand National Men's Open – Christchurch – Semi Final 1 (U2), Semi Final 2 (P), Final (U2)
- Organised umpire allocations for Pre-World Championship games
- New Zealand Umpire of the Year 2012-13

2013-2014

- Appointed Regional Director of Umpires (Northern Region)
- New Zealand Umpire of the Year 2012-13
- Gillies Shield – North Harbour – New Zealand – (Final U1)
- Appointed TCU U17 Boys Nationals – North Harbour
- Vic Guth – Final (U3)
- NFC – Canterbury – Semi Final 1 (P), Semi Final 2 (U2), Men's Final (U3)
- New Zealand National Men's Open – Hutt Valley – Play-off 1 (P), Semi-Final (P), Final (U1)
- Black Sox v Australia Test Series (3 games)

2014-2015

- Bears Classic – Premier Men's Final (P)
- ISF Oceania World Series Qualifier – Auckland – Final (P)
- Vic Guth – Final (U3)
- Dean Schick – Final (U1)
- New Zealand National Men's Open – North Harbour – Semi Final (P), Final (U3)
- ISF Men's World Championships – Saskatoon – Canada
- 22 games, 5 plates, Bronze Medal game (U2)
- Winner Merle Butler Cup
- New Zealand Umpire of the Year 2014-15

2015-2016

- Bears Classic – Premier Men's Final (U1)
- Appointed TCU U19 Boys Nationals – North Harbour

- Vic Guth – Final (U1)
- Dean Schick – Final (U1)
- AFC – Final (P)
- NFC – Hamilton
- New Zealand National Men's Open – Nelson – 1st Semi Final (P), 2nd Semi Final (U3), Final (U1)

2016-2017

- Bears Classic – Premier Men's Final (U3)
- Rocky Choat – Premier Men's Final (P)
- Vic Guth – Premiers Men's Final (P)
- TAB International Challenge Series – Final (U3)
- NFC – Hutt Valley – Final (U1)
- Dean Schick – Final (U1)
- AFC – Final (P)
- New Zealand National Women's Open – Auckland – DTCU
- World Masters Games – Field umpire
- WBSC – XV Men's World Championships – Whitehorse, Canada
- 22 games

2017-2018

- U23 NFC – North Harbour
- NZ White Sox v Oregon Ducks
- TCU U19 Girls Nationals – North Harbour
- NZ Black Sox v Czech Republic
- NFC – North Harbour – Final (U1)
- New Zealand National Men's Open – Hutt Valley – Final (U1)
- AFC – Final (P)

2018-2019

- TCU 25th Dean Schick
- Vic Guth Final (U1)
- TAB International Challenge Series – Final (P)
- NFC – Christchurch – Final (U1)
- New Zealand National Men's Open – North Harbour – Final (P)
- WBSC – XVI Men's World Championships – Prague, Czech Republic
 - 18 games – 4 P, 5 U1, 3 U2, 3 U3, 3 Clocks
 - Semi-Final (P): Final (U1)
- WBSC – Women's Olympic Qualifier – Shanghai, China
- 5 games – 1 P, 1 U1, 2 U2, 1 Clock

2019-2020

- TCU Fastball45
- Vic Guth Final (U1)
- Appointed to 2020 Olympics – Tokyo, Japan (postponed)
- WBSC U18 World Cup – Palmerston North
- 17 Games 3 P, 4 U1, 3 U2, 4 U3, 3 Clock. Final (U1)

- **Season terminated due to COVID-19**
- New Zealand Umpire of the Year 2019-20
- New Zealand Softballer of the Year 2019-20

2020-2021

- TCU White Sox Tri-Series
- TCU National Fastball45
- TCU Regional U15's Boys & Girls
- TCU Vic Guth Tournament
- NFC – North Harbour – Final (U1)
- New Zealand National Men's Open – Hutt Valley – Final (P)

2021-2022

- WBSC 2020 Olympic Games, Tokyo, Japan
- 10 games – 1 Plate, 5 Base, 4 Off Field

Other

- President North Harbour Umpires Association 2008 – present
- Regional Director of Umpires (Northern) 2013 – present
- Member 2018-21 WBSC Rules re-write and Casebook review Project
- Umpire of the Year 2013, 2015, 2020
- New Zealand Softballer of the Year 2020

