



ROB SADGROVE

UMPIRE CAREER SUMMARY



INFO

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LEVEL



NZ Level Seven (2025)

WBSC Certification (2025)



PERSONAL EXCERPT

I first got involved in softball as an assistant coach for Metro premier woman in 2008 and with no previous experience, I quickly learned the rules of the game to fulfil this position. I also maintained a full skin diamond which gave me more knowledge of the diamond dimensions.

I grew a passion for the game and found umpiring calling to me. I chose the path of umpiring to assist the Auckland Umpires Association with numbers and offer players more quality of umpiring.

To acquire an understanding of the game from a player's perspective, I joined Metro Div 4 men and played one season to expand my concept of softball and help me develop as an umpire.

As I developed and progressed through my umpiring career, I found the need for more mentoring and guidance to achieve my goal of being a great umpire, and I transferred to North Harbour Umpires Association to achieve this goal. With the help of my peers here who give valuable feedback and share their knowledge I have achieved my New Zealand Badge and Level 7 and WBSC accreditation.

I was privileged to be assigned a great mentor through the Softball New Zealand Umpires Pathways Framework and continue to grow and develop on my umpiring journey.





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INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2025 *August 2025 (Future appointment)*
Canadian Mens Championship (Kitchener, Ontario)
- 2020 Australia Men's State Championships (Sydney, Australia)
- 2017 Oregon Ducks v NZ White Sox series (Auckland, NZ)
▪ 5 games of a 6-game series (1 Plate, 4 Base)
- 2016 International Friendship Series (Sydney, Australia)
▪ 13 games
▪ Appointed plate umpire for final



NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2024 / 25 NFC
Women's Open Championship (WBSC Certification Clinic)
- 2023 / 24 Men's Open Championship
- 2019 / 20 Men's Open Championship
- 2018 / 19 NFC
Men's Open Championship
U23 Men
- 2017 / 18 NFC
- 2016 / 17 NFC
Men's Open Championship
U19 Men
- 2015 / 16 NFC
Men's Open Championship
U19 Men
- 2014 / 15 NFC
U19 Men
U17 Women
- 2013 / 14 U17 Men
U 15 Women
- 2012 / 13 U15 Men
Secondary Schools Div. 1



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LOCAL TOURNAMENT APPOINTMENTS

- 2024 Otago and Southland Intercity Tournament
 - Men's Final (Plate)
- 2023 Jeffries Cup (Premier Men)
 - Men's Final (Plate)
- 2014 - 2025 Vic Guth (Premier Men)
- 2019 - 2020 Fastball 45 (Televised Live Sky Sport TV)
- 2015 - 2017 Dean Schick Memorial (Premier Men)
Rocky Chote (Premier Men)
- 2009 - 2012 Bear's Classic (Premier Men & Women)
Brother Patrick (Premier Men)
- 2009 - 2011 Rehe Joseph (Premier Men & Women)



OTHER FIXTURES

- 2022 Black Sox Invitational Tournament
- 2017 NZ Army Corp Inter-base
 - Men's Final (Plate)
- 2013 NZ Defence Force Inter-services
 - Women's Final (Plate)
- NZ Defence Force v Australia Defence Force (Women)
 - 1st Base
- NZ Defence Force v Australia Defence Force (Men)
 - Right Field Umpire
- Warm-up Games for ISF Men World Championship (x6)
 - Team USA (x2), Canada, Japan (x2), Australia



Softball New Zealand Men's Open Championship
Fraser Ball Park, Lower Hutt
6 - 10 March 2024



Left to Right: Jaiden Bell (Manawatu), Gavin Shepherd (Wellington), Kam Kwong (Waikato), Keith Marsh (Hutt Valley), Lance Brown (Whanganui), Robbe Sadgrove (Central Otago), John Hickman (North Harbour), Jeremy England (WN), Richard Dodds (Softball Australia), Tony TK Kaieruna (Wellington), Brydon Wells (North Harbour), Frank Farney (Softball Canada), Mark Porty Porteous (North Harbour), Ben Dyason (Manawatu), Andy McManus (North Harbour), Willie Sadler (Tairāwhiti), Tama Howard (Auckland), Himi Qupe (Hutt Valley), Liam Stewart (Hutt Valley), Wiremu Wu Tamaki - Tournament Chief Umpire (Wellington)