

Executive Summary – Wiremu Tamaki, International Softball Umpire

Wiremu is one of Oceania's senior fast pitch softball umpires and a member of the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC), formerly the International Softball Federation attaining his international licence 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 participation 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.

In 2015 Softball New Zealand inducted Wiremu into the Softball New Zealand Hall of Fame and in 2019 he was inducted into the World Baseball Softball Confederation.

Wiremu continues to support his local Wellington Association as an umpire and an administrator as secretary | treasurer of the Wellington Umpires Softball Association. He is also a member of the National Umpiring Staff as its Umpire in Chief.

Wiremu has worked one ISC World Tournament, one Olympic Championship, four ISF World Championships, two ISF World Series Qualifier, eight International Tournaments | Test Series, one Trans-Tasman Exchange, one WBSC World Championship as an assistant Director of Umpires and two WBSC Certification Clinics. Umpiring 107 International games, 102 were full Internationals of which 12 were at Olympic Championship level and 70 were at ISF World Series level.

Wiremu has been appointed to over 70 New Zealand National Tournaments since 1997 and has worked 24 National Tournament Grand Finals.

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 June 1st 2023)

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<i>Present Positions</i>	Softball New Zealand Umpire in Chief 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>	Tainui Sports Awards – Official of the Year		2004
	Softball New Zealand Sports Awards:		
	- Umpire of the Year and Softballer of the Year		2008
	New Zealand Maori Sports Awards – Official of the Year		2008
	Wellington Sports Awards – Official of the Year		2009
	Softball New Zealand Sports Awards:		
	- Umpire of the Year and Softballer of the Year		2010
	Softball New Zealand Hall of Fame		2015
	World Baseball Softball Confederation		2019

Major Achievements - Field Umpire \ Director / Instructor

2023	WBSC Certification Clinic Puli, Taiwan, - Instructor		
2022	WBSC Certification Clinic Pattaya, Thailand - Instructor		
2020	WBSC u18 World Championship , Palmerston North, New Zealand - Director		
2014	ISF Men’s Oceania World Series Qualifier , North Harbour, New Zealand		
2013	XIII ISF Men’s World Championship , Auckland, New Zealand (Total games: 4 plate, 13 base) Prelim Play Off: Australia v Argentina (Plate) Semi Final: Australia v Venezuela (I st Base)		
2010	ISC Men’s Fastball World Tournament , 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)		
2009	XII ISF Men’s World Championship , Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada (Total games: 4 plate, 12 base) Prelim Play Off: Japan v Argentina (Plate) Grand Final: Alternate 2 nd base umpire if Australia played Canada		

2008 **Beijing Olympics Women's World Championship**, 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 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 (2nd 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 (1st 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 (1st 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	New Zealand National League Men's <i>Grand Final: (Plate) 2008, 2009 (1st base) 2006/2007, (1st base) 2005, (2nd base) 2004/2005, (3rd base) 2003</i>
2003 – 2004, 2008, 2012(2), 2014, 2015	Men's National Provincial Cup & Men's National Fastpitch Championship <i>Grand final: (Plate) January 2003, (Plate) December 2003, (1st base) 2004, (Plate) 2008, (1st base) 2012, (Plate) 2012, (Plate) 2014, (Plate) 2015</i>
1999 – 2005, 2008-2011, 2013, 2015	Men's Inter-club <i>Grand final: (2nd base) 2004, (3rd base) 2005, (1st base) 2008, (1st base) 2009, (Plate) 2010, (Plate) 2011, (Third Base) 2013, (Plate) 2015</i>
2006	Women's National Provincial Cup <i>Grand final: (Plate) 2006</i>
2000, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2014, 2015	U19 Boys <i>Grand final: (Plate) 2003, (1st base) 2004, (Original Plate appointee forgone to candidates being selected for Junior World Series 2008) 2008</i> UIC 2012, 2014, 2015
1998, 2012	U17 Boys UIC 2012
2002, 2004, 2005, 2008	U17 Girls Assistant Examiner 2004, UIC 2005, (Plate) 2008
1999, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2014	U15 Boys UIC 2006, 2014
1998, 2007, 2010, 2011	U15 Girls UIC 2010, UIC 2011
2012	U15 Boys and Girls – South UIC 2012
2000, 2001, 2009	Secondary School Students (College) UIC 2009

Major Club

1999- 2004	Doreen Dalton Memorial (Hutt City United)
2004, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 2012	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
2015	PK Classic

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

