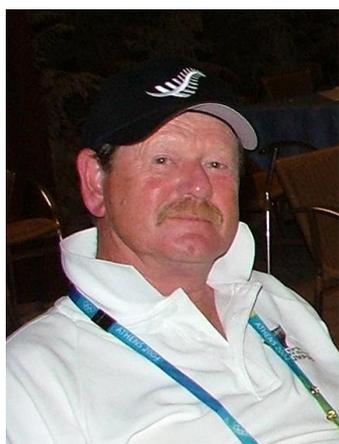


Executive Summary – Wayne Saunders. *(Player, Coach, Umpire, Administrator)*



In 2023, Wayne completed 65 consecutive active years in softball. Starting with Hutt City United as a junior player in 1957 through to captain of the Major Reserve and Major A teams before starting his umpiring career in 1976.

In 2023, after 18 years' service, Wayne retired as the WBSC Regional Umpire Coordinator for Oceania. During this time he was Co-chair/Team Leader of the WBSC Playing Rules Re-Write Commission, Chaired the WBSC Reformatted Casebook Re-write and field mechanics committees.

Internationally, Wayne has served as Assistant Umpire Director/Umpire-in-Chief at the last five WBSC Men's World Cups/World Championships (2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2022) and Women's World Championship in 2018. 2022 was Wayne's 11th Men's World/World Championship in an official capacity.

He has on-field officiated at nine WBSC-SD International Tournaments including the Athens Olympic Games, Europe/Africa Olympic Qualifier and seven ISF World Championships including a Women's, a Junior Men's, a Junior Women's and four Men's Championships totalling 135 games, his last game being the Gold Medal Game at the Athens Olympics.

Other major International appointments included the ISF Prague Softball Cup, Prague, Czech Republic; 10th and 11th Canada Cups, Vancouver, Canada; Blacktown International Challenge, Sydney, Australia; ISC World Tournament, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada; totalling 41 International Tournaments or Test Series. Umpiring 505 International/Overseas games, including 248 full Internationals involving 44 different nations.

In 2015 Wayne completed 20 years' service as a member of the New Zealand National Staff, including 10 years as Umpire-in-Chief. In 2009 Wayne retired as an active field umpire after 35 years of on-field officiating. He had been appointed to 81 New Zealand National Tournaments since 1977 and has worked 47 National Tournament Grand Finals. Additionally, Wayne had supervised 31 National, and numerous local tournaments and Internal International series.

Wayne is an elected member of the World Baseball Softball Confederation's and Softball New Zealand's Halls of Fame. A finalist in the Official of the Year category at the Annual Sport Wellington Region Sportspersons on five occasions and was the winner of the award in 2004 and 2005. Wayne is a Life Member of the Hutt Valley Softball Association, Hutt Valley Softball Umpires Association and the Hutt City United Softball Club. Wayne serves as the Patron of his Hutt City United club, President of his local Hutt Valley Umpires association and as a WBSC Umpire Commissioner.

Below is an activity summary excluding details of appointments to Internal Internationals, Major Club tournaments and local championships.

Sports Activity Summary *(as at March 2023)*

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<i>Present Positions</i>	WBSC Umpire Commissioner	2013- present
	President of the Hutt Valley Softball Umpires Association	1987-90, 1992-93, 2000-07, 2020-present
	Patron of Hutt City United Softball Club	2019- present
	WBSC Regional Umpire Coordinator for Oceania	1996-98, 2007-2023
	Life member of the Hutt Valley Softball Association	2018
	Life Membership of the Hutt Valley Softball Umpires Association	2004
	Life Membership of Hutt City United Softball Club	1983

<i>Qualifications</i>	International Softball Federation: Accreditation	1985
	New Zealand Softball Association: Level 4 accreditation	1978
<i>International Awards</i>	International Softball Federation Hall of Fame	2009
<i>National Awards</i>	Softball New Zealand Hall of Fame	2006
	Prime Minister's Scholarship for sports officials	2006
	New Zealand Umpire of the Year	2005, 2004, 2003, 2000
<i>Local Awards</i>	Hutt Valley Sports Awards Official of the Year - Finalist	2018, 2013
	Sport Wellington Region Official of the Year - Finalist	2018, 2007, 2006,
	Sport Wellington Region Official of the Year - Winner	2005, 2004
	Hutt Valley Softball Association Distinguished Service Award	2005
	Hutt Valley Umpire of the Year	2007, 2002, 1983
	Hutt Valley Softball Association Softballer of the Year	1971

Field Umpire

ISF/ISC International

2006

ISC World Tournament, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada (SNZ/ISC umpire exchange)

(Total games: 6 plate, 14 base)

Grand Final: Patsy's NY v County Materials (field)

Double Elimination: Czech Republic v County Materials (plate)



2004

The Games of the XXVIII Olympiad, Athens, Greece

(Total games: 2 plate, 10 base)

Gold Medal: USA v Australia (1st base)

Bronze Medal: Japan v China (2nd base)

Preliminary Round: USA v Japan (plate)

ISF Prague Softball Cup, Prague, Czech Republic

(Total games: 2 plate, 5 base)

Bronze Medal: Netherlands v Czech Republic (plate)

Preliminary Round: Canada v Czech Republic (plate)

Blacktown International Challenge, Sydney, Australia

(Total games: 2 plate, 5 base)

Finals Series: Canada v Chinese Taipei (1st base)

Preliminary Round: China v Australia (plate)

Canada v China (plate)

11th Canada Cup, Vancouver, Canada

(Total games: 6 plate, 10 base)

Grand Final: Japan v Australia (3rd base)

Championship round: Japan v Japan Elite (plate)

Section play: Canada v USA Elite (plate)

- XIth ISF Men's World Championship**, Christchurch, New Zealand
(Total games: 5 plate, 11 base)
 Silver Medal game: Canada v Australia (1st base)
 Bronze Medal game: USA v Australia (plate)
 100th ISF World Series game: USA v Hong Kong (2nd base)
- 2003** **10th Canada Cup**, Vancouver, Canada
(Total games: 4 plate, 11 base)
 Grand Final: USA Elite v Australia (1st base)
 Section play: USA National v China (plate)
Europe/Africa Olympic Qualifier, Macerata, Italy
(Total games: 4 plate, 7 base)
 Grand Final: Italy v Czech Republic (plate)
- 2000** **Xth ISF Men's World Championship**, East London, South Africa
(Total games: 4 plate, 10 base)
 Elimination finals: Canada v Venezuela (plate)
 Section play: USA v Mexico (plate)
(Grand final: alternate 1st base umpire)
- 1999** **Olympic Cup**, San Diego, USA
(Total games: 1 plate, 3 base)
 Grand Final: USA v Australia (1st base)
 Section play: USA v Australia (plate)
- 1997** **19th South East Asian Games**, Jakarta, Indonesia.
(Indonesian Olympic committee appointment)
(Total games: 7 plate, 2 base)
 Grand Final (Men): Indonesia v Philippines (plate)
- 1995** **Vth ISF Youth Girls World Championship**, Normal, Illinois, USA
(Total games: 6 plate, 11 base)
 Grand Final: USA v Japan (field)
- 1993** **IVth ISF Junior Boys World Championship**, Auckland, New Zealand.
(Total games: 4 plate, 13 base)
- 1992** **VIIIth ISF Men's World Championship**, Manila, Philippines.
(Total games: 7 plate, 11 base)
 Major semi-final Canada v USA (plate)
 Section play final USA v Japan (plate)
 Opening game Philippines v Netherlands (plate)
(Grand final: alternate plate umpire)
- 1988** **VIIth ISF Men's World Championship**, Saskatoon, Canada
(Total games: 6 plate, 12 base)
 Opening game Cuba v Canada (1st base)
 Section play: USA v Cuba (plate)
(Grand final: alternate plate umpire)
- 1986** **VIth ISF Women's World Championship**, Auckland, New Zealand
(Total games: 3 plate, 9 base)
 Section play: Canada v USA (plate)
- 1982** **Mini Men's World Series**, Lower Hutt, New Zealand
(Total games: 1 plate, 4 base)

Additional Overseas International Tournaments and Competitions

2006	Farm Tavern Invitational, Madison, Wisconsin, USA. <i>(Plate: County Material v Circle Tap 1st base: County v Farm, Farm v Pueblo Bandits)</i>
2004	National League Women's Competition, Prague, Czech Republic <i>(Plate: KRC Altron v Joudrs, Sabat v Kladno)</i>
2003	National League Women's Competition. Macerata, Italy <i>(1st base: Macerata v Bollate)</i>
2002	Casa Rama World Series, Orillia, Canada <i>(Plate: Broken Bow v Owen Sound, Broken Bow v Waterloo Twins, 1st: Broken Bow v NY Spirit)</i> Vancouver Cup International Invitation, Vancouver, Canada River Kings / Black Sox Series, Prince George, BC, Canada Smokers / Black Sox Series, Victoria, Canada
2000	Travellers Inn / Black Sox Series, Victoria, Canada Vancouver Cup International Invitation, Vancouver, Canada
1998	Hong Kong domestic completion
1988	Pioneer Day, Salt Lake City, USA Penn Corp International Invitation, Sioux City, USA Teleconnect International Invitation, Cedar Rapids, USA

Internal Internationals

2005	NZCT Women's Tri-Series (Japan, Int All Stars, White Sox), Evodrive Pacific Men's International Series (Japan, Australia, Int All Stars, Samoa, Black Sox)
2004	Women's Tri-series (Japan/China/White Sox)
2003	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)
1997	Junior Men's International Series (Australia/ Saskatchewan/Junior Black Sox), International Series (Toho Bank Women's Tour)
1996	International Series (Australian Men's Tour), International Series (USA Men's Tour)
1995	Winfield International Women's Club Series (Pink Panthers-Japan, Queensland Australia) Winfield International Series (Japanese Men's Tour)
1994	Winfield International Women's Club Series (Kansai/Pink Panthers-Japan, Australian Development), Winfield International Series (Canadian Men's Tour)
1993	Winfield International Club Series (Regents, Canada - Gunma/Yamanashi, Japan - Eagehawks/Braves Australia)
1992	Winfield International Series (Japan and Australian Men's Tour)
1991	Winfield International Series (USA Men's Tour)
1990	Winfield International Series (Canada/USA Men's Australian Women's Tours)
1989	Winfield Challenge (USA Men's Tour)
1988	Winfield International Series (Larry Millar/Penn Corp Men's Tour)
1987	International Men's Tri-Series (Japan/Chinese Taipei/Black Sox)
1986	International Series (Singapore/West Australia Men's Tour)
1984	International Series (Can Am All Stars Men's Tour)
1982	International Series (Chameleons Men's Tour)
1981	International Series (Peterbilt Men's Tour)

1980	Chinese Women's Tour
1978	Southern Truck Raiders Tour
National Tournaments	
2003-09	New Zealand National League (Men and Women) <i>Men's Grand Final (plate) 2003, 2006, 2007 (1st base) 2004, (3rd base) 2005</i>
1983-1994, 1996, 2000	Men's Inter-provincial <i>Grand final (plate) 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996, 2006. (1st base) 1986, 1987, 1988, 2000, 2002.</i>
2003, 2004, 2006	
1986-1993	Men's National League (discontinued 1993) <i>Grand final (plate) 1988, 1992, 1993, (base) 1989, 1991.</i>
1982-1996, 2000-04, 2006, 2009	Men's Inter-club <i>Grand final (plate) 1991, 1993, 1995, 1996, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2006. (1st base) 2000, 2004.</i>
1978, 1999, 2002, 2007-08	Women's Inter-provincial <i>Grand final (plate) 1999 2007, (1st base) 2002.</i>
1988-89, 1999	Women's Inter-club <i>Grand Final (plate) 2002, 2003, 2007 (1st base) 2001, 2004, 2005, 2008.</i>
2001-05, 2007-08	Men's Superpitch Inter-provincial (discontinued 1997) <i>Grand Finals (plate) 1992, 1996, (1st base) 1993, 1995.</i>
1992-1996	
1995, 2009	U19 Boys
1999	U15 Girls (North Island)
1987	Secondary Schoolchildren
1978-1980	Qantel Cup Interclub knockout discontinued 1980 (Final 3rd base 1980)
Major Club	
1976- 2008	Doreen Dalton Memorial (Hutt City United)
1983-1996	Cardinals 1000 (discontinued 1996)
1986-1995, 2004	Vic Guth
1993-1996, 2000, 2002-03	Dean Schick
Field Umpire Experience	
1976-2009	Full time umpire
1967-1976	Player umpire (from 1974 regular player/umpire)
Administration	
2013- Present	WBSC-SD Umpire Commissioner
2007-2023	WBSC-SD International Umpire Staff, Regional Umpire Coordinator - Oceania
2018 (Feb)	WBSC_SD Regional Umpire Coordinators Meeting, Plant City, USA
2017	WBSC-SD (Reformatted Casebook, Chair review committee)
2013 – 2017	WBSC-SD (Playing Rules Re-Write Commission, Co-chair/Team Leader)
2017	II WBSC Congress, Gaborone, Botswana (Umpire/Playing Rules Commissions, elections scrutineer)
2007 – 2017	WBSC/ISF (Umpire Field Mechanics, Co-chair/chair review committee)
2017	WBSC-SD Playing Rules Re-Write Commission, (Executive Meeting, Amsterdam, Netherlands)
2007- 2015	Softball New Zealand Umpire-in-Chief
2007, 2009, 2011, 2013	Oceania Confederation meeting at Congress (minute recorder)
2013	XXVI ISF Congress, Cartagena, Colombia (Umpire/Equipment Standards/Rules Commissions)
2012 (June)	ISF Regional Umpire Coordinators Meeting, Plant City, USA
2011	XXV ISF Congress, Oklahoma, USA (Umpire/Equipment Standards Commissions)

2011 (Jan)	ISF Regional Umpire Coordinators Meeting, Plant City, USA
2009	XXIV ISF Congress, Margarita, Venezuela (<i>Umpire/Playing Rules Commissions</i>)
2009 (Feb)	ISF Regional Umpire Coordinators Meeting, Plant City, USA
2007	XXIII ISF Congress, Manila, Philippines (<i>Umpire/Playing Rules Commissions</i>)
2001-2007	Softball New Zealand Deputy Director of Umpiring
1998	Softball New Zealand Umpire Review Group (<i>member</i>)
1997-1998	ISF International Umpire Staff, Co-Regional Coordinator for Oceania.
1997	XVIII ISF Congress, Long Beach, USA (<i>Umpire/Playing Rules Commissions</i>)
1996-1998	Softball New Zealand Umpire-in-Chief
1992-1996	Softball New Zealand Deputy Umpire-in-Chief (Central)
1990-1992	Hutt Valley Umpires Association Chief Umpire
1987-90, 1992-93, 2003-07	Hutt Valley Umpires Association President
1974-1976	IV ISF Men's World Championship (<i>Organising Comm. - Transport Convenor</i>)

Clinic Facilitator



International

2014	International Certification Seminar, New Zealand (Ass't facilitator/evaluator)
2011	International Certification Seminar, Australia (Ass't facilitator/evaluator)
2003, 2006	International Certification Seminar, New Zealand (Ass't evaluator)
1996	International Certification Seminar, New Zealand (facilitator)

National

2001	National Umpires Seminar
1992-2014	National and Regional Training Schools (Northern, Central and Southern)

Areas of Particular Skill and Expertise

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| • Rules | Interruption and field application, examiner. |
| • Plate Mechanics | Philosophy, preparation and field application |
| • Base Mechanics | Philosophy, preparation and field application |
| • Administration | Infrastructure, communications and operations |

Tournament Chief Umpire Experience

International



2022	WBSC-SD XVII Men's World Cup, North Harbour, New Zealand (Ass't Umpire Director)
2020	WBSC-SD U18 Men's World Cup, Palmerston Nth, New Zealand (Technical Ass't)

2019	WBSC-SD XVI Men's World Cup, Prague, Czech Republic (Ass't UIC)
2018	WBSC-SD XVI Women's World Cup, Chiba, Japan (Ass't UIC)
2017	WBSC-SD XV Men's World Cup, Whitehorse, Canada (Ass't UIC)
2015	WBSC-SD XIV Men's World Cup, Saskatoon, Canada (Ass't UIC)
2014	ISF Oceania Men's World Cup Qualifier, North Harbour, New Zealand (UIC)
2013	Gilley's Shield, North Harbour, New Zealand (Ass't UIC)
2013	ISF XIII Men's World Championship, North Harbour, New Zealand (Ass't UIC)
2011	ISF Oceania Men's World Championship Qualifier, Canberra, Australia (ISF representative and UIC)
2009	ISF XII Men's World Championship. Saskatoon, Canada (Technical Ass't)
2009	Pacific Men's International Series, Apia, Samoa (UIC)
2008	ISF Oceania Men's World Championship Qualifier, Auckland, New Zealand (UIC)
1998	South Pacific Classic, Christchurch, New Zealand (UIC)

National

2014/15	National Fastpitch Championship, Men's Open
2013/14	Men's Open.
2012/13	National Fastpitch Championship, Men's Open, Women's Open.
2011/12	National Fastpitch Championship, Men's Open.
2010/11	Men's Open, Secondary Schools Div I.
2009/10	National Fastpitch Championship, Men's Open.
2008/09	NZ National League, Men's Open, U19 Boys
2007/08	NZ National League, Men's Inter-provincial, Women's Inter-provincial, Men's Open
2006/07	U19 Girls
2004/05	U19 Boys
2003/04	Men's Open
1998	Men's Inter-provincial
1997	Men's Inter-provincial and Women's Interclub, Men's Superpitch Finals
1996	Secondary Schools
1995	Women's Interclub, Colts and Fillies
1994	Men's Interclub, U16 Boys
1991	U16 Boys

General Softball Experience

Hutt Valley Associations

1976-Present	Member Hutt Valley Softball Umpires Association (<i>HVSA Delegate-1985/86; Chief Umpire -1990-92; President 1987-90, 1992-93, 2000-07, 2017- present</i>)
2018	Elected Life Member Hutt Valley Softball Association
2005	Hutt Valley Association Distinguished Service Award
2004	Elected Life Member Hutt Valley Softball Umpires Association
2000	HVSA 2004 ISF World Championship Bid – Deputy Chairman/Facilities Director
1989-1999	Member Hutt Valley Ballpark Trust
1983-84	Coach Hutt Valley High School Youth Boys
1983, 2002, 2007	Hutt Valley Umpire of the Year
1976-1978	Softball reporter "Evening Post", Wellington
1974-1976	IVth ISF Men's World Championship Committee - Transportation Convenor
1971	Dowse Cup - Hutt Valley Softballer of the Year
1967-1971	Committee Member HVSA. (<i>Secretary Schoolchildren's Sub-association 1969-71</i>).
1960-1974	Representative player

Hutt City United Softball Club

2019-Present Elected Patron
1983 Elected Life Member
1979-1982 Club President
1966-71, 1974-78 Executive member (*Deputy Chairman 1974-1978*)
1974-1976 Player/coach
1963- 1974 Web Shield (*Three-time New Zealand team selection. 1965 Top Batter - BA 0.786*)
1957-1974 Player - Outfield, shortstop and second base (*Bat - LH, throw - RH*)
John Lennon Interclub zone finals (*Sports Report - best catch seen at Hataitai Park*)
Captain of Major A and Major Reserve teams
1963-1966 Schoolchildren's coach

Other Sports Involvement

1993-1994 Parent soccer referee (*Hutt Valley High School*)
1992 Soccer coach (*Regional League Under 16 Youth Boys*)
1991 Soccer Coach and referee (*Under 15 Youth Boys*).
1969 Attended Outward Bound (*Course 43: Hilary watch*)
1956 - 1986 Played: Soccer (*Stokes Valley Club*); Rugby (*Naenae Club and Naenae College*);
Boxing (*Railway Club*); Judo (*Waterloo Club*); Scouts (*Cubs to Rovers*); Air
Training Corps (*No2 Squadron, Petone*)



1957/58 Hutt City United



Wayne with Roy Dalton (first coach and mentor)



Wayne and wife Kath

