

SOFTBALL NEW ZEALAND UMPIRES NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

1. Objectives

To provide acknowledgment of exceptional and distinguished service that advances the interest of Softball Umpiring. This exceptional service shall involve collectively or separately any facet of Umpiring be it field officiating, coaching and/or administration. This exceptional service can be at Local Association, Regional, National, and/or International level.

2. Award Certificate

Each recipient of the award shall receive from the Softball New Zealand a certificate of an approved design, size, colour and bearing suitable wording. The certificate is to be held in a convenient holder.

3. Qualifications for Award

1. Awards shall be limited to eight, in the first and second years of the scheme with not more than three awards being made in any one year thereafter. At no time shall the awards in existence exceed twenty in number. The second year of this award is 2009.
2. Without limiting the power to make awards in exceptional circumstances that stand clear of their own accord, it is considered the qualification for award generally should be:
 - i) At least 15 years unbroken service or a total of 20 years of broken service in field officiating, coaching and/or administration at Local Association, Regional, National, and/or International level.
 - ii) And that, in all circumstances, there must exist some reason or facet of the services given that warrants distinction over and above the awards already available at club and provincial level.
3. Each nomination must be accompanied by detailed and written documentation of the reasons for nomination. Nominations are to be received from Associations at least one month in advance of the annual meeting of the National Umpire Staff.
4. Nominations will be reviewed by the National Umpiring Staff and recommendations forwarded to Softball New Zealand for the approval by the Board. Successful nominees shall be announced at the AGM of the Softball New Zealand or at some other appropriate occasion. Awards will be presented at a suitable time arranged by the recipients Regional Director of Umpiring.
5. Softball New Zealand shall keep a register of those receiving this award.