

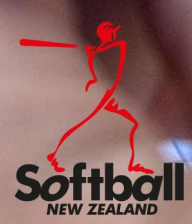
National Scorers Pathway

FOUNDATION, DEVELOPMENT & PERFORMANCE



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INTRODUCTION

The National Scorer's Pathway provides a development pathway from being able to score at a youth softball game to officiating at a WBSC–SD World Championship.

It is the role of the scorer to record the game and provide provision of timely, accurate statistics for umpires and teams of all ages and levels.

Scorers need to be able to understand and score to the level of the game they are officiating, and just as importantly, be able to interact with umpires and coaches in a positive way.

Each stage aims to equip scorers with the knowledge and practical skills to score at the relevant level of competition. Progress through the grades within the pathway through a mixture of theory and practical assessment.

The pathway has been developed by the National Scorers Panel and aligns with the National Player and Coach Development Pathway. The rationale for the alignment is as follows:

- To provide the softball community and those entering softball a clear understanding of where they sit and how they can progress forward
- To show that as a sport we are working together and heading in the same direction
- To provide a consistent approach to the growth and development of our sport
- To promote a pathway that coaches, players and scorers can identify, providing a greater understanding.

Purpose

The purpose of the pathway is to increase the skilled numbers, expertise, competency and reputation of softball scorers in New Zealand by:

- Encouraging people to undertake softball scoring
- Improving the knowledge, competency and expertise of scorers
- Providing structured pathways of development for scorers
- Create opportunities for scorers to progress
- Encouraging, supporting and working towards equal consideration and opportunities for training and accreditations
- Promote uniform methodology and techniques of scoring practices.

SOFTBALL NZ SCORER'S PATHWAY

PERFORMANCE SCORER



DEVELOPMENT SCORER



FOUNDATION SCORER



OVERVIEW

- The diagram illustrates the national pathway with development stages at each level; Community, Development and Performance.
- Scorers can develop through the stages of each level (horizontal development) and are then eligible to progress to the next level (vertical development).
- A scorer may choose to remain at one level and continue their development to be the best scorer they can be at that level.
- A scorer may aspire to develop up through the levels with the aim of officiating at New Zealand national tournaments and ultimately at WBSC-SD World Championship.
- The details of each stage and how to complete it are outlined in the following sections.

FOUNDATION SCORER

Foundation is designed to assist the new scorer at the entry and Community level. It covers basic yet important information to help the scorer understand the fundamentals of scoring a game of softball, some of these areas include:

- Know where the bases are in relation to the diamond
- Draw the base advances of each player
- Mark the Outs using numbers
- Keep track of who is hitting and where they are on the bases
- Beginners Basic Fundamentals
- Understand the position numbers on the field
- Understand what a Force Play is
- Mark where the batter hit the ball
- Record the score after each innings
- Follow the Learners Plate

Accreditation		Targeted Audience	Outline / Comment
Grade 1	N/A	Open grade softball, U13+.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scorer active at entry level and open grade softball.

DEVELOPMENT SCORER

Development is designed to introduce and provide the scorer opportunities through the national scoring accreditation system.

This level incorporates three stages; Development, Competitive and Senior. The stages encompass Grades 2, 3 and 4 and are assessed through theory and practical examinations.

The Development Scorer will cover various levels of the game commencing with national school tournaments and progressing through to the Open Men's and Women's Club tournaments. Topics covered through Development Scorer are:

- Use Scoring Symbols and Methods for a more advanced way of scoring
- Analysing a game
- Produce statistics for Coaches, Players and Administrators.

Accreditation		Targeted Audience	Outline / Comment
Grade 2	New Zealand Theory Examination	National age grade, School and Open Clubs tournaments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theory examination must have been passed within the previous 5 years.
Grade 3	New Zealand Theory & Qualifying Practical Examination	National age grade, School and Open Clubs tournaments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theory & Qualifying Practical Examination must have been passed within the previous 5 years.
Grade 4	New Zealand Badge Practical Examination	Senior softball, National age grade, School and Open Clubs tournaments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theory & Qualifying Practical Examination must have been passed within the previous 5 years. • Active Scorer who attends National Tournaments Regularly as either a Team Scorer or Official

PERFORMANCE SCORER

Performance is designed to prepare the scorer for the highest forms of the game.

Scorers who are deemed suitable candidates can be nominated for international tours and WBSC-SD World Championships.

This level incorporates three stages; National, International and World Championships. Scorers will work their way through Grades 5, 6 and 7, be an active New Zealand badge holder and capable of being a Tournament Chief Scorer and Tournament Statistician.

Key competencies of the Scorer at the Performance level include:

- Active Team or Official Scorer
- Maintain a High Level of Scoring
- Able to work with High Performance Coaches and Players
- Be consistent with SNZ Scorers method of scoring.

Accreditation		Targeted Audience	Outline / Comment
Grade 5	Promotion and retainment to this level is based on assessment.	Senior softball, National age grade, School and Open Clubs tournaments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible as Chief Scorer for National age grade, School and Open Clubs tournaments. • Active scorers who hold a NZ Badge, regularly attend tournaments in an Official Scoring capacity or as a Team Scorer. They must maintain at least the standard for a Badge Pass. <p>Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scorers will be assessed to attain this grade based on reports from Tournament Chief Scorers and Local Association Activity Reports. • Generally have held NZ Badge for about 3 years. • Passed a Refresher Theory within the past 3 years.
Grade 6	Promotion and retainment to this	NFC, International tour, WBSC –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible as Chief Scorer for National age grade, School and Open

	level is based on assessment.	Softball Division World Championships	<p>Clubs tournaments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active NZ Badge Holders who regularly attend tournaments in an Official Scoring Capacity or as a Team Scorer. Grade 5+ must be maintained. <p>Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have been a Tournament or Association Chief Scorer or Statistician and be capable of performing both roles effectively. Passed a Refresher Theory within the past 3 years.
Grade 7	Promotion and attainment is assessed on ability, involvement and personal attributes.	NFC, International tour, WBSC – SD World Championships.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible as Chief Scorer for National age grade, School and Open Clubs tournaments. Active NZ Badge Holders who regularly attend tournaments in an Official Scoring Capacity or as a Team Scorer. Grade 6+ must be maintained. <p>Guidelines:</p> <p>Be capable of performing full duties of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Team and Official Scorer Tournament Chief Scorer. Tournament Statistician. Examiner of scorers obtaining their badge. <p>Must be prepared to perform any of these roles if required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passed a Refresher Theory within the past 3 years. Attain a pass in a NZ Umpires Theory Examination. <p>Scorers who do not meet the new criteria and guidelines introduced, i.e. attained a pass in the NZ Umpires Theory, will need to meet these requirements within 3 years to retain this level.</p>

GENERAL NOTES:

1. NZ Badge Scorers who are no longer active will be graded Level 4, however they can be reinstated to respective levels upon return, and successfully meeting the relevant criteria as stated. If a Badge Scorer has been inactive for more than 5 years and wishes to be graded above Level 4, they would need to be reassessed, which may mean resitting the Theory and Practical exams.
2. The 3 year period allowed to sit the Refresher Exam within will be reviewed at a later date if required.