



## Regional Assistants

I am now pleased to announce that the Regional Assistant for the Central Zone has been appointed and I would like to congratulate Keith Dare on his appointment. Listed below are our three Regional Assistants.

Northern Region:	Lil Natana (Rotorua)
Central Region:	Keith Dare (Hawkes Bay)
Southern Region:	Ian Ditfort (Marlborough)

## Assistant Statistician:

Applications are now being called for this position and close on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009. To apply please complete the standard SNZ application form which can be obtained from our website.

## Co-Coordiators

I am also pleased to announce the positions we had vacant recently have now been filled.

Funding	-	Lesley Byrne (Canterbury)
Equipment	-	Lynette Leathart (Auckland)

We have also created a new role, known as Social Communications Coordinator. Please congratulate Laurelle Rogers (Canterbury) into this role. Her first assignment was to set up our own face book page. Visit our page on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and contribute by adding as a friend NZ Scorers.

## Recognition Award:

Please congratulate Ronnie Gurney (North Harbour) who at the recent NZ Softball AGM was announced as "Scorer of the Year" Well done Ronnie on a job well done!

## Scorer's Levy:

After recent discussions at our last two panel meetings, it has become apparent that some clarification is needed with regards to the Levy that is charged. This levy was created to cover some of our operating costs such as: computer consumables, equipment and the like and a small proportion were for uniforms. For the last three years none of our levies have contributed to the uniform costs. When the initial uniform was supplied to all scorers we were fortunate enough to be receiving a substantial funding grant for these. We no longer receive this grant automatically and now have to apply for grant funding each season. As you will all appreciate a full uniform for a badge holder costs around \$200-00 each. Hence a small \$25-00 levy is a minimal cost.

Following on with this levy we have now created two different types of levy. A levy of \$25-00 will be charged to all active scorers – an active scorer is considered to be any person graded 2 and above who is actively scoring for their Association and will be attending a National Tournament this season. A \$10-00 Associate Levy will be charged for inactive scorers who maybe scoring locally but not attending any NZ Tournament, but wish to be kept informed of up to date scoring news. These levies will be charged in November each year for the current season.

## Under15 Share the load rule:

Please be aware that all pitchers & catchers, who are eligible for the Under 15 National Tournament in 2010, will be restricted to facing a limited number of batters at all Softball NZ Age Grade National Tournaments. The significant change is that this rule now applies at U17 & U19 National Tournaments. The rule will only apply to players who are U15 years of age and are pitching & catching. These players must be identified at the Manager's meeting and it is the responsibility of the Tournament Chief Scorer to control and implement this rule in conjunction with the Umpire and

Tournament Representative. Should you require any additional information drop me a quick e-mail and I will send you the complete rule?

Exams:

The date for the 2010 Theory and Refresher Exam has been set for the 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2010. Candidates and Supervisors names are to be advised to our exam coordinator: Marie Byrne by Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2010. I challenge all Associations to have at least one person sit this year's theory exam. Put this date in your calendar now – one lucky Association will receive a nice surprise.

#### Tournament Appointments

The first draft of Tournament appointments is attached to this e-mail. Please review these appointments to ensure that you can attend your appointed tournaments as late withdrawals are always costly. We still require scorers for the Div 2 tournament in Hamilton from 10-13 December, 2009. If you are able to assist please advise our Tournament Coordinator – Ima Hodges.

I trust you are all looking forward to a full season ahead.

Hope to see you around the diamonds somewhere.

Regards

Sandy Wallace  
NZ Chief Scorer

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