



## SOFTBALL NEW ZEALAND

# NATIONAL, NORTH & SOUTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

### Information Sheet & Entry Form

You are invited to enter a boy's and/or a girl's team into the competitions being conducted by Softball New Zealand (SNZ). In an effort to provide opportunity for an increased number of teams that can play in the tournaments, the competition has been divided into two divisions.

**Division 1** This is an elite competition and schools from the provinces listed can enter teams of each gender to play in the regional qualifying tournaments. Schools must win the regional qualifying event to be eligible to play in Division 1. The information and contacts for qualifying tournaments is on the next page. There is a Liaison Officer from your region who will be able to assist you at any time. Alternatively contact Eugene Gilbert at Softball NZ on 04 560 0390 or [eugene@softball.org.nz](mailto:eugene@softball.org.nz)

**The NZ Secondary School Division 1 Softball Tournament is to be held in Papakura at Prince Edward Ballpark, 22 March - 26 March, 2021**

*IMPORTANT: In the past the Auckland/North Harbour schools would have entered a one day qualifying tournament being held by College Sport Auckland in February 2021, this year once entries are determined from Auckland/North Harbour schools then a one day qualifying tournament may eventuate depending on numbers. If there was to be a one day qualifying tournament then Softball NZ and Auckland Softball will organise and run it. So the AK/NH schools need to complete an entry form and get it back to SNZ by the due date. Any questions contact Eugene Gilbert (SNZ) 021 537 079 or [eugene@softball.org.nz](mailto:eugene@softball.org.nz)*

**Division 2** *This will be split into two tournaments* – one in the North Island and one in the South Island. The Division 2 is open entry. There is no qualifying process required, however entry numbers may be capped dependant on the capability of the host association.

**The North Island Secondary School Open Division 2 Tournament is to be held in Palmerston North at Colquhoun Park from Tues 23 March to Fri 26 March 2021**

**The South Island Secondary School Open Division 2 Tournament is to be held in Alexandra at Molyneux Park from Tues 23 March 2021 – Fri 26 March 2019**

### 2021 KEY DATES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

19 February	Entries are due on this date, for both the Div 1 and Div 2 tournaments.
26 February	Division 1 finalists notified to Softball New Zealand by Associations
4 March	Entry fee & team roster due to SNZ national tournaments

## Secondary School Regional Qualifying Zones 2021

### To qualify for Division One entry to National Tournament

The following liaison officers will be able to assist you at any time with any queries and the dates of the regional qualifying zone tournaments. All qualifying games for Division 1 must be completed by 26 February 2021, unless otherwise arranged with SNZ.

Zone	Associations	Qualifying Venue	Liaison Officer	Contact Numbers
1	Auckland/North Harbour 2 entries	TBC	Eugene Gilbert	04 560 0392 021 537 079 eugene@softball.org.nz
2	Counties/Manakau 1 entry	TBC	Eugene Gilbert	04 560 0392 021 537 079 eugene@softball.org.nz
3	Waikato 1 entry	Resthills Park Hamilton	Eugene Gilbert	04 560 0392 021 537 079 eugene@softball.org.nz
4	Hawkes Bay 1 entry	Akina Park Hastings	Tania Udy	(06) 878 3673 work (027) 685 6651 softballhb@xtra.co.nz
5	Wanganui & Manawatu 1 entry	Colquhoun Park Manawatu	Jenine Scoon	jenine.scoon69@gmail.com 022 453 0558
6	Hutt Valley & Wellington 3 entries (Top 3 from region)	Fraser Park	Jordan Mumu	huttvalleysoftball@xtra.co.nz 021 022 49190
7	Canterbury 1 entry	Mizuno Ballpark Christchurch	Moira Annandale	027 289 3801 admin@csa.org.nz
8	South Island Seddon Districts Top = 1 entry	TBC	Eugene Gilbert	04 560 0392 021 537 079 eugene@softball.org.nz
9	South Island Southern Districts Bottom = 1 entry	TBC	Eugene Gilbert	04 560 0392 021 537 079 eugene@softball.org.nz

# Softball NZ – Secondary School National Tournament

## 1 RULES OF THE COMPETITION

The competition will be played in two divisions under the Rules of Softball New Zealand Inc.

### 1.1 **Division One**

Associations named on the attached sheet will have schools which qualify for this division. They will be responsible for organising a competition, best suited to their Association or area, which provides a winning team(s) by the 26 Feb 2021. The winning team(s) will compete in the national tournament. Where there are more than 2 associations in a zone, finals will be held to find the qualifying team(s) for that region.

### 1.2 **Regional/Zone Qualifying Tournament for Division One:**

An Association in each region will be appointed to host the Regional Qualifying Tournament which is to be completed by the specified date as set by Softball New Zealand. (*See list of regions and region co-ordinators attached*)

### 1.3 **Division One National Final:**

The qualifying teams will compete at the National Final to be held at Prince Edward Ballpark, Papakura. Softball New Zealand will support the tournament with attendance of a SNZ Tournament Representative, Tournament Organiser (Hosting Association), Chief Umpire, Chief Scorer, Tournament Selector, Umpires and Scorers for all games.

### 1.4 **Division Two North Island & South Island Final:**

Will consist of two tournaments – North Island (Palmerston North) and South Island (Alexandra). Division 2 is open entry. There is no qualifying process required, however entry numbers may be capped dependant on the capability of the host association.

Under NZSSSC guidelines, composite teams are acceptable for Division 2 only if:

- (a) all other eligibility rules regarding age and attendance are met
- (b) teams are formed from within the same regional zone
- (b) the principals of the schools that the students attend agree
- (c) one principal accepts responsibility for the composite team
- (d) the team will be called by a name that indicates that more than one school has contributed players
- (e) the team will be permitted only through the preliminary round and will not be eligible for placing or competition trophies as specified by NZSSSC (but may be eligible for awards such as Fair Play and individual trophies.)
- (f) Composite teams should not be able to enter tournaments when single school teams are on a waiting list.

Softball NZ will support the tournament with attendance of a SNZ Tournament Representative, Tournament Organiser (Hosting Association), Chief Umpire, Assistant Chief Umpire, and a Chief Scorer who will all assist attending teams and the hosting association with the tournament.

## 1.5 Format for any Play-offs or Tournaments

**Regional/Zone Play offs – Games will be 1 hour 45 mins time limit or can be at the discretion of the hosting organisation. Please ensure teams are aware of which option is chosen**

- (a) If two teams only enter – best of three games
- (b) Three – five teams – play round robin
- (c) Six plus teams play in sections and then winner vs winner

However, it is recognised that in some areas the regional qualifier is found through a regular secondary schools competition or other means at the discretion of the organizing body.

In the event of tied points NZ Tied Team formula to sort out winners

### **Format for Division 1 & Division 2 (National) Tournaments**

**Division 1** Round robin and top four play off in semi's and finals. If teams tied – tied team formula to find top four teams then finals played

**Division 2** 10 or more teams = two pools then cross over play offs  
1 - 8 teams = round robin then top four play off in semi's and final

## 2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 *To participate in this competition a player must be under 19 years of age at the 1<sup>st</sup> of January in the year of the competition and will be bona fide full-time students at the school, participating in all the normal college study programmes while taking part at any level of the competition as per NZSSSC eligibility criteria for secondary schools.*
- 2.2 No player can play for more than one college during any part of this tournament (from local playoffs through to National Finals).
- 2.3 The principal is required to sign the team entry & registration forms of any teams entered in the Division 1 and Division 2 Qualifying and/or National Tournaments as verification that the players listed are bona fide full time students of the school and they meet NZSSSC eligibility criteria for sec schools.

## 3 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 Once a team entry is accepted the team must take part in all aspects of the competition as required by the organiser
- 3.2 All schools are to attend the managers' meeting. The managers meeting is usually held at the tournament venue at 8.00pm on the evening prior to the start of the tournament.
- 3.3 Safety equipment such as a full set of catching gear and a sufficient number of batting helmets must be bought to the tournament by the school as part of team equipment.
- 3.4 All schools competing should attend the Awards Ceremony at the conclusion of the tournament

**Please complete the attached entry form for entry to  
SNZ National Tournaments and send it to**

**Softball New Zealand  
P O Box 30-322  
Lower Hutt  
[eugene@softball.org.nz](mailto:eugene@softball.org.nz)  
Fax: 04 560 0400**

**Entry form is due 19 Feb 2021**

**Upon receipt of your entry you will be issued with the  
TOURNAMENT HANDBOOK which will outline procedures for  
the Secondary School Tournaments at all levels.**

**There is no fee required with this initial entry form.**

**Once qualifying tournaments for Division 1 (if required) have been  
completed, successful teams are contacted and issued a GST invoice  
for the tournament entry fee.**

**Successful Division 2 entries will be notified as soon as possible**

**Division 1 - \$410 GST inclusive tournament entry fee**

**Division 2 - \$250 GST inclusive tournament entry fee**

**The entry fee and return schedule must be returned to the SNZ  
office by 4 March 2021**

**The return schedule can be found at the back of the tournament  
handbook**

**Tournament Entry Fees will not be refunded if schools withdraw  
prior to the start of tournament.**

# NATIONAL/ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

Please tick one box only:

Division 1 only  
Division 2 only  
Division 1 & Division 2


*Div 1: Held in Papakura from 22 March - 26 March, 2021 – Entry fee \$410*

*Div 2 Nth Island: Held in Palmerston North 23 March – 26 March, 2021 – Entry fee \$250*

*Div 2 Sth Island: Held in Alexandra 23 March – 26 March, 2021 – Entry fee \$250*

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## **ENTRY FORM**

**GST No: 22-439-022**

**SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSOCIATION/PROVINCE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COACH:**    **BOYS:** \_\_\_\_\_    **GIRLS:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (W) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**WE WISH TO ENTER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BOYS TEAMS** \_\_\_\_\_ **GIRLS TEAMS**

**TO BE SIGNED BY THE PRINCIPAL:**

I verify that all players taking part in this competition will be under the age of 19 years at 1 January 2021, and are bona fide full-time students at the school, participating in all normal college study programmes while taking part at any level of the competition as per NZSSSC eligibility criteria for secondary schools.

**PRINCIPAL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **COLLEGE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Email entry form to Eugene Gilbert at Softball NZ. The deadline for entry is 19 Feb 2021. The deadline for payment is 4 March, 2021**

**Email: eugene@softball.org.nz**

# SOFTBALL NEW ZEALAND

## Handy Hints for Colleges wishing to participate in Secondary School National Tournaments 2019

As you are probably already aware, it is difficult to fund and organise a team to travel to tournament in the short time frame from qualifying for nationals to actually attending the event.

**Here are some ideas that may help towards off setting the costs of travel for your players and students.**

- Have players (parents) AP \$5.00 or a designated amount per week/fortnight to a team fund
- Apply for community trust funding this side of Christmas, regardless of whether you have qualified or not. Start early and apply to several trusts if you have to.
- Go to these websites [www.dia.govt.nz](http://www.dia.govt.nz) or [www.sparc.org.nz](http://www.sparc.org.nz) for funding organisations and advice on where to access funding
- Call your local council for advice on how to access local funding bodies
- Call your local softball association and ask them to apply for funding for the regional winners of the qualifying tournament
- Write your players a request for a \$100.00 individual business sponsorship on a school letter head and send them out to the community. Target the businesses that have a good relationship with the school eg canteen suppliers etc. Place all supporting business's in a draw and give the winner naming rights for the team
- Have your players sell there own raffles. People don't mind supporting teenagers who are prepared to help themselves. Make sure you manage the fundraiser and that supporters are clear about the purpose of the fundraiser. Get the school principal to draw the raffle and announce the results in the school daily notices. The player gets to keep their own raffle profit towards the trip.
- Batons Up – get players and businesses to donate groceries, goods and prizes. Sell tickets for an evening (usually \$10 each?) that is attended by the team and provide light refreshments (players bring a plate). Make the prizes up into attractive packages. Lay the prizes out on a table. First drawn number gets first pick of the prizes. The drawn number goes back into the draw.
- Have a hangi – sell at \$8-\$10 per meal – supply pork, chicken and veges. With good shopping (or donated goods) you can make \$4-\$6 profit on each hangi

**Here are some ideas that may help towards preparing the team to play in the tournament**

- Come to tournament prepared to pitch another two pitchers other than your starting pitcher...it is too difficult for one player to pitch all games. Do the work beforehand to get both pitchers ready for the large number of games. By having another two pitchers available makes your No 1 more effective as they won't be worn out. Go to the SNZ website [www.softball.org](http://www.softball.org) to the pitching centre and download the Rookie & Raw Sox Pitching & Catching Guidelines
- By the same reasoning, have 2-3 catchers available to play this physically demanding position
- Contact your SNZ Regional Game Development Officer (contacts on website) to see if they can come to your school for some coaching clinics.
- Contact your local association to see if they can provide coaching support
- Have ice for not only injuries but also injury prevention.