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JANUARY BOARD MEETING in brief;

- Board/TWP Meeting was a two-day meeting held on 26/27 January at the Brentwood Hotel, Wellington
- 108 Coaches and 52 Judges registered for the season. 16 Coaches completed Introduction to Coaching and 19 Trainee Judges.
- Judging Panels confirmed for NZ Championships
- Judges Training Kit still to be updated to the new sheets - the tool kit remains a valuable resource
- Host Associations of Island Championships need to raise the bar for presenting these events adding some pizzazz. The Islands, for some marchers, is the biggest event they attend during the season and it needs to be more than a local event – pageantry efficiently, timely.
- Judge Accreditations; four trainees shadow judged at Island Championships, two at each event. Three Judges sat National Accreditation with two passes. 4 Judges have successfully Qualified, 3 Compliance and one Technical D. Potentially at least eight more Judges completing the Qualifying Accreditation.
- Judges incentive not approved
- Approval for Technical Manager and Director of Coaching to meet and progress work on Coach Development and Level Two.
- Date to be confirmed for Judge Workshop for Technical B, C, D Judges
- Coach Roadshow moved from 2018/2019 to 2019/2020 season
- Coach 'workshop' will be held to launch the Coach Development Programme, including Level Two.
- Association Roadshow schedule and content approved. Timetable – August/October.



THANK YOU to all our Volunteers

Alex Morrison & Steve Nicholas Marching Southland

Marching Southland gives a BIG thank you to both Alex and Steve. Every competition they are first there, helping to transport equipment and to set up the field and sound system and, they are amongst the last to leave, making sure all gear is back in storage. Both have willingly filled in with any tasks needed – helping in the Recording Room, Chief Cook on the Team BBQ and attending monthly Southland Association meetings. Many thanks Alex and Steve, Southland just wish we had another ten happy and willing just like you.

- THANK YOU – THANK YOU- THANK YOU –

*Feeling gratitude and not
expressing it is like wrapping a
present and not giving it.
~William Arthur Ward*



RISK MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Risk management is about identifying risk, eliminating or reducing it where possible, and insuring against the risks that cannot be eliminated. The risks in sport vary greatly depending upon the requirements of the particular discipline, the level at which the sport is being undertaken, the age of the participants and the degree of sophistication of the venue and equipment being used. By reviewing the way in which they work in light of perceived risks, coaches can eliminate many risks before they occur.

In developing a plan, coaches should assemble risks in order from greatest risk to least risk, and address them in that order. They should set achievable goals for risk reduction. Many risks can be reduced by taking more care, giving better instructions or changing the focus of an activity.

Coaches should focus on those areas where participants are routinely injured, where people most often complain of unfairness or mistreatment, and those that generate most correspondence. They should systematically consider how they might amend their practices in these areas to minimise future difficulty.

Developing a risk management plan doesn't have to be onerous task. For Coaches to develop a simple and practical risk management plan for their coaching situation

1. Identify risks (consider risk related to environment, equipment and people)
2. Develop strategies to minimise the risks identified
3. Prepare a timeline for implementing the strategies
4. Include a review process, an evaluation in the plan
5. List those responsible for implementing the part of the plan

Coaches should remember that their relationship with those they coach is paramount and that a risk management plan will ensure the continuation of a fruitful and harmonious relationship. Coaches become involved in their industry to improve the results and performance of athletes. If they develop and implement good systems in managing risk, they will be free to spend more time on developing athletes, rather than dealing with injuries and disputes.

Copied in part from Better Coaching - Advanced Coaches Manual produced by the Australian Sports Commission

"Don't stop at the first obstacle; have endurance to keep on going and you will succeed."

Tips for Officials

Practical ideas to help you become a better official



Managing People, Conflict Management.

Conflict is an inevitable part of sport. People are passionate about sport, and passion invites conflict. Knowing the rules and mechanics is not enough - it's often how you handle people in difficult situations that will make you stand out as a good sports official.

Conflict management strategies

1. Prevention techniques; prevention is always better than the cure! If you establish a subtle influence on the game early in the game, conflict is less likely to occur.
2. Be professional; speak clearly and firmly in heated situation - avoid arguments and don't bluff your way through unjustified rulings
3. Keep cool, don't overreact. Adopt a low-key posture. Use objective, neutral language.
4. Compromise, where appropriate, make a decision based on a compromise between conflicting parties. Where compromise can't be met, be prepared to make the final decision.
5. Address the problem - not the emotions. Deal with the facts and use the available evidence when dealing with conflict.
6. Focus on the person. People are not objects - show empathy for their concerns.
7. Be fair, avoid Team or individual bias at all costs.
8. Be confident and open. Don't be defensive or try to justify your actions. Clarify decisions using the facts when appropriate.
9. Be firm, deal with foul play firmly and quickly.

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New Zealand Coach Magazine

Read online at

www.sportnz.org.nz/get-into-sport/coaching-guide



In the Diary Competitions & Events

FEBRUARY

- 4 Local Competition @ Petone Rec, Petone
- 4 Otago Contest (AM) Masters Games (PM)
- 5 2 in One Competition at Marewa Park, Napier
- 10 Waikato Competition at the Waikato Hockey Turf
- 10 Nelson Double Day Competition
- 10 Canterbury, Marching & Go @ Nunweek Park
- 11 Taranaki Championships + Closing Day
- 11 March Twice Competition in Invercargill
- 15 Valentines March at Renwick School, Blenheim
- 17 Waikato Competition at the Waikato Hockey Turf
- 17 Local Competition @ Walter Nash Stadium, Taita
- 18 2018 Challenge Competition in Auckland
- 18 Canterbury March & Stay @ Nunweek Park
- 18 Southland Championship in Invercargill
- 24 Nelson Championships in Nelson
- 24 Canterbury Trophy Day @ Nunweek Park
- 25 Hawke's Bay Championships in Napier
- 25 Wellington Championships, Petone Rec, Petone
- 25 Southland/Otago Combined Competition in Gore



Christchurch TOP10 Holiday park are taking bookings now for the 2019 Marching Nationals.

Christchurch Top10 Holiday Park offers a variety of accommodation including basic cabins, self-contained rooms and fully serviced motels. We also have kitchen and dining areas especially designed for groups, as well as free BBQ areas in the park. For the younger teams, we have a large playground and jumping pillow, as well as an indoor kids zone and an indoor heated pool.

The park is close to many places that could be used for training grounds and there is a grass field on site that you are welcome to use for training or even mark your own field out on. We are already receiving enquiries for teams, so get in quick!

Please be in contact with the groups coordinator Sarah for more information and to book your accommodation:

E: sarah@christchurchtop10.co.nz

P: 0800 396 323

2019 NZ Championships to be held on
14/15 March 2019, indoors at the
Horncastle Arena, Addington, Christchurch



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From the National Publicity Officer

Introductory Grade

At its last meeting the NZ Executive resolved that this Grade be introduced in the 1979/80 season for a trial period. It is designed specifically to cater for new Instructors (with no restriction on more experienced Instructors taking part) but it will also, probably, encourage large numbers of Marchers to participate in the sport. Centres have been circularised for orders for the booklet of technical requirements, and it is to be hoped that Centres and Associations will get behind the scheme and give it a good trial.

The whole basis of the Grade is simplification of technicalities, i.e. drill, movements, detail, judging. The general idea is for Associations to have available, for persons who express interest in instructing, an 'elementary' booklet which can be easily followed and put into practice with little or no previous knowledge or experience of the SPORT OF MARCHING. This Grade will give the opportunity both for Instructors and Girls to gain a good sound grounding in the basics of marching as a prelude to the competitive side of our sport. New Instructors aside, the Grade could also have appeal to some experienced Instructors who, for some reason, do not wish or are unable to train a competitive team but still wish to participate in and service the sport at instructional level.

Full details have been sent to Centres. It is now over to you folk to give the scheme a go and see if it meets a grave need in our sport – the encouragement of new Instructors.

JUDGES TRAINING KIT

a great resource for judges contains DVD's and a folder of judging sheets. Both Trainee and experienced judges will benefit and should contact their Chief Judge for more information.



*Sports do not build character.
They reveal it.*

Running your Club



Why do older people think community sport is important?

- **Connections**
The social aspect of community sport is a key reason many older people enjoy participating. Those taking part in regular, group and club based activities enjoy feeling part of a community and the opportunity to get to know new people.
- **Freedom**
For many older people, participating in community sport is a way of maintaining their precious freedom and independence. They are not focused on simply 'keeping fit' or 'keeping active' but 'staying upright' 'staying alive' and 'staying out of a rest home as long as they can'. For others, taking part in community sport provides 'freedom' in terms of delivering relief and respite from some of more challenging aspects of their daily lives.
- **Discovery**
When older people take up a new community sport, there is often a huge thrill involved with trying something new. People often find the learning process very stimulating mentally, and it gives them something new to talk about with family and friends.
- **Relaxation**
Many community sport activities are valued by older people because they provide a sense of peace, relaxation and rejuvenation. Often these activities are outside – providing the chance to breathe fresh air, get in touch with nature and quite literally 'smell the roses'.
- **New identity**
Older people who try new community sports, or take on new roles within clubs/groups, may derive a new identity as a result. Many find this quite satisfying and stimulating – having something new to talk about, feeling part of a club, wearing a uniform, owning the role.
- **Contributing**
Some older people derive great pleasure from community sport that gives them the chance to contribute and/or 'give back'. Many older people have voluntary roles at community sport clubs and groups they belong to – coaching, being on committees, organising social events and this enhances the overall experience for them.
- **Pursuing passions**
Some older people are incredibly passionate about certain community sports. As well as taking part in community sport, they love watching television programmes about it, reading magazines, going on line to learn more, talking to others who share their passion and soon the community sport is not something they do, but a deeply fulfilling and abiding passion.

NZ CHAMPIONSHIPS

to be hosted by **Marching Waikato**
Thursday/Saturday 15/17th March 2018
at **Claudlands Event Centre, Hamilton**

OFFICIAL HOTEL



IBIS HOTEL
Alma Street, Hamilton

TIMETABLE

DRAFT ONLY

Thursday 15th March – Official Opening

Official Opening, Leaders & Coach Meeting

Friday 16th March - Qualifying March

All Grades – Masters, U/12, U/16, Senior Grade

Saturday 17th March – Championship March,

Bowl March U/2, Plate March U/12, /16, Senior Championship March all Grades, Masters, U/12, U/16 and Senior Grade followed by Presentation of Awards, Parade of Champions and Flag Ceremony

Qualifying March is 'March n Go' and Coach/Judge Interviews, to ask clarifying questions only, will be held at the conclusion of the march (Rule of Participation NZC13-1). At the conclusion of Coach /Judge interviews, a copy of the Contest Draw for the Championship, Plate or Bowl March will be available from the Director of Coaching. Results from Qualifying March will determine allocation into the Championship Plate or Bowl March (Rule of Participation NZC3-4)

ENTRIES CLOSED with 51 Team entries -13 Senior, 15 Under 16, 19 Under 12, and 4 Masters Teams

**FREE ADMISSION TO THE VENUE
FOR ALL TEAM PERSONNEL
\$15 DAY PASS OR \$20 2-DAY PASS
FOR SPECTATORS**

Souvenir List & Order Form on MNZ website

JUDGING PANEL

Technical A Mrs Jenny Cox (Canterbury)
Technical B Mrs Kaylene Mokotupu (Canterbury)
Mrs Gay Cubitt (Waikato)
Technical C Mrs Victoria Law (Canterbury)
Mrs Robyn Powell (Southland)
Technical D Ms Sue Cornelius (Nelson)
Mrs Pauline Ward (Southland)
Compliance Mrs Marcella Burke (Wellington)
Display Mrs Brenda Potter (Waikato)
Mr Robert Gibbison (Wellington)

Grades applicable to be advised on 1st March.