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**SPORT
NEW ZEALAND**

Marching New Zealand is very grateful to Sport New Zealand for their continued investment in our sport

WOW Garment

After successfully finding a pair of marching boots via the Newsletter the marching themed garment can go ahead. We wish Anne all the best with her marching themed WOW garment.



MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE

SHARED SUBSCRIPTION

is eligible for claim this year by 19 members who will be rewarded with 50% of their subscription being refunded into their bank account in time for Christmas. This year 44 members have introduced new members and when both register next season, they will also be rewarded with the 50% refund. A BIG thank for introducing new members to marching and growing our membership.



CORONAVIRUS – COVID-19

There are no specific controls or requirements in place around holding events in Alert Level 1, regardless of numbers involved, however the Ministry of Health continues to encourage individuals to uphold good hygiene practices and contact tracing. The code outlines best practice expectations to be applied to the events sector to enable good hygiene standards and facilitate contact tracing. View the updated code and guidance on [Sport NZ website](https://www.sportnz.govt.nz/sport-nz-website).

Large events such as sports games or tournaments are able to go ahead without gatherings controls. However, if outbreaks of COVID-19 occur again in New Zealand, limits on gatherings could be one of the first responses. Organisers should be aware they may be asked to postpone or cancel gatherings under the circumstance that an outbreak has occurred or if case numbers increase.

As we continue to strive to keep Aotearoa New Zealand at Level 1, please remember 10 golden rules:

1. If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work, school or socialise.
2. If you have cold or flu-like symptoms, call your doctor or health line, and get advice about getting tested.
3. Self-isolate if you're told by officials to do so.
4. Wash your hands.
5. Sneeze or cough into your elbow and regularly clean shared surfaces.
6. Stay healthy, work with your GP if you have underlying health issues.
7. Keep track of where you've been.
8. If you are a business or service, display a QR code.
9. Stay vigilant.
10. Be kind to others and be kind to yourself

**Merry
Christmas**



In the Diary

DECEMBER

- 5 Contest Indoors FM Arena, Dunedin
- 6 SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS in Dunedin
- 12 NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS in Taranaki

JANUARY

- 30 MNZ Board Meeting in Christchurch
- 30 TWP Meeting in Christchurch
- 31 ENTRIES CLOSE for NZ Championships

FEBRUARY

- 7 3rd Competition at Marewa Park, Napier
- 7 Otago Contest at Alhambra Union North Ground
- 13 Taranaki competition in Stratford
- 13 March & Go hosted by Marching Canterbury
- 13 Waikato competition at the Hockey Turf, Hamilton
- 13 Marlborough March & Stay at Lansdowne Park
- 14 Auckland Competition
- 14 Wellington Marching Day at Walter Nash Stadium
- 14 Southland competition at Gore
- 20 Northern Plate (Auckland/Waikato) in Auckland
- 20 March & Stay at Nunweek Park Christchurch
- 21 Local Competition Wellington
- 21 Challenge Cup hosted by Marching Auckland
- 21 Otago/Southland combined contest in Balclutha
- 27 Waikato Competition at the Hockey Turf
- 27 Marlborough Marching Championships
- 27 Canterbury Championships at Nunweek Park
- 28 Hawke's Bay Marching Championships
- 28 Competition in Stratford
- 28 Wellington Marching Championships
- 28 Southland Championships in Invercargill

RISK MANAGEMENT

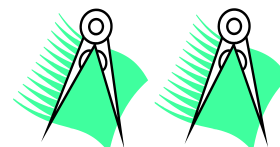
All types of organisations face risk. While the principles of risk management apply irrespective of the type of organisation, sport has a unique set of characteristics.

Some degree of physical risk is inherent in most sport. Many sports involve high impact collision, direction changes that stress muscles and bones, as well as risks caused by environment factors such as the weather. When people engage in sport, they accept that there is risk involved.

People and groups involved in organising opportunities for others to take part in sporting and recreational activities have a responsibility to take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of participants. Because risk can spill over from the participating arena to viewing areas, they must also take steps to ensure the safety of spectators, paid and volunteer staff, and the public at large.



TECHNICAL CORNER



TECHNICAL RESOURCES



JUDGES TRAINING KIT, a resource for judges, that both new and experienced judges will benefit from. and should contact their Chief Judge for information. Technical Drills, release date 1st July (and updates) are all available from the MNZ website
MUSIC also available via the MNZ website



Is your FIRST AID certificate current?
Does your Team have a certified FIRST AIDER?
Has the Association a FIRST AID KIT?

BALANCE IS BETTER

Sport NZ's Balance is Better philosophy is about keeping young people in sport. It focuses on meeting the needs of young people, and the reasons they play sport; to develop and improve, experience challenge, be part of a team, and most importantly have fun with their friends.



Balance is Better at the heart of wellbeing

When it comes to community sport, 2020 has certainly had its ups and downs, from a complete halt to scaling alert levels. Adversity though has taught us, if nothing else, that wellbeing is at the heart of sport. And that aligns with the Balance is Better principles, which include giving young people a quality sport experience regardless of level, opportunities underpinned by quality leadership, skill development opportunities for all youth, encouraging youth to participate in a range of activities, reducing the risks of overloading and overtraining, ensuring coaches and volunteers encourage participation for wellbeing, and participating in a safe and fun environment. **Continue Reading**

Register with Balance is Better for regular updates direct to your In - Box. <https://balanceisbetter.org.nz/>

COACHING

COACH INCENTIVE

After COACHING for
THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS
after first registering as a COACH
10 Coaches will receive a \$50 voucher in time for
Christmas in recognition of their commitment,
leadership, time and energy as practicing Coach.
A BIG thank you to you all.



- ? Do you take supplements such as protein shakes, pre-workout shakes, energy drinks, herbal remedies or vitamins?
- ? Do you know what is in your supplements?
It's important you assess your need for supplements because taking them can be risky.

Here's why ...

- o Supplements could contain substances which are banned in sport and negative for your health.
- o Supplements may not have adequate quality control or have all the ingredients correctly labelled.

Be very careful about using supplements, particularly those that say they'll help you build muscle, lose weight or give you energy. Athletes take all supplements at their own risk!



Even if you are satisfied the ingredients are okay, often you will be paying for expensive supplements which have no benefit. Instead of supplements, a 'food first' approach is best. We recommend eating nutritious food and making sure you get sufficient rest and time for recovery..

If you're supporting an athlete as a parent, coach, trainer, agent, manager or medical professional you need to be aware of your responsibilities to help them compete clean. You are likely to be a role model for the athlete so your views on clean sport will count for a lot.



JUDGING

Judge Group Advisors

Technical A - Sue Stenning
Technical B - Sally Costello
Technical C - Clare McKissick
Technical D - Sue Cornelius
Compliance – Marcella Burke
Display – Viki Kingsley-Holmes



CHAMPIONSHIPS

South Island	6 th Dec	Dunedin
North Island	12 th Dec	Taranaki
Marlborough	27 th Feb	Blenheim
Canterbury	27 th Feb	Christchurch
Hawke's Bay	28 th Feb	Napier
Wellington	28 th Feb	Wellington
Southland	28 th Feb	Invercargill
Waikato	6 th March	Hamilton
Tranaki	6 th March	Stratford
Auckland	7 th March	Auckland
Otago	7 th March	Dunedin
NZ	18 th March	Dunedin
NZ	19 th March	Dunedin
NZ	20 th March	Dunedin

STATS UPDATE

1137 members ↓

74 Teams ★

105 Coaches 😊

62 Judges ★

15 Trainee Judges 😊

29 Volunteer Members ↻

44 introduced members ★
from shared subscriptions





2021 NZ CHAMPIONSHIPS

hosted by **Marching Otago**

Thursday/Saturday 18/19/20 March 2021

More FM Arena, Dunedin

ENTRY FEE

Under 12 \$425.00 & U16, Senior/Masters \$530.00

TIMETABLE

Thursday 18th March

Official Opening, Welcome and Leaders & Coach Meeting at the venue

Friday 19th March

Qualifying March, All grades – Under 12, Under 16, Senior, Masters

Saturday 20th March

Bowl/Plate March if applicable and Championship March All Grades - Under 12, Under 16, Senior, Masters followed by Presentation of Awards, Parade of Champions and Flag Ceremony

ENTRY FORM & INFORMATION

available on MNZ website Events Page

ENTRIES CLOSE 31st January 2021

OFFICIAL HOTEL



Scenic Hotel Southern Cross
118 High Street, Dunedin

- Qualifying March is 'March n Go' and Coach/Judge Interviews, to ask clarifying questions only, will be held as per MNZ 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 Technical Manager and will be available on the website also.
- Results from Qualifying March will determine allocation into the Championship, Plate or Bowl March (MNZ Rule of Participation NZC3-4)

MNZ LONG SERVICE AWARD

recently presented at a local competition to

Rosemary Dyer

(Marching Nelson)

THANK YOU to all our Volunteers



Robyn Farley

(Marching Taranaki)

A shout out from the Volunteers in Marching Taranaki for Robyn Farley as Volunteer of the Month. Robyn is the Taranaki Marching Association's Secretary, and she does an incredible job. She is the glue that holds the committee together. She works very hard behind the scenes ensuring March Days run as smoothly as possible and always remains calm and collected. Robyn brings a considerable amount of experience to the Association, and the Committee and all the Marchers have the upmost respect for her and everything she does for Marching. In between her extremely busy role as Secretary, she is also the Chaperone of a Senior Team, and spends many hours ensuring the uniforms are of a high standard. Sometimes we get so busy in our marching roles, that we forget to truly appreciate our hard-working volunteers, and Robyn is a lady who we truly appreciate.



Orientation & Training of Volunteers

A well designed and thorough orientation and training process is important for new Volunteers. The orientation process is critical to ensure volunteers are welcomed, that they feel a valued part of the club and most importantly, that they are comfortable in their role and can work productively. Many Volunteers have probably already been involved in the club as a parent or member. Orientation for the new Volunteer who is also new to the club takes on even more importance. Training is not just a one-off process completed when volunteers start, It should be an ongoing process, continually updating and improving volunteers' skills. Just as first aid officers have to do refresher courses every few years to stay accredited, so should volunteers to stay skilled. Training volunteers can be an informal meeting run by club officers or local experts, or they can be more formal, for example a local Regional Sports Trust run course. Training and development opportunities vary widely and need to be adapted to suit the needs of the volunteer as well as the clubs needs and level of resources.

November Board Meeting in brief

- ◆ Board Meeting was by virtual means on Saturday Morning 7th November. The TWP met in Christchurch and were not part of the Meeting.
- ◆ Next Board/TWP Meeting to be held in Christchurch, venue to be confirmed
- ◆ Working Party – Simplification of Judging submitted updated report outlining Display Judge trial from an elevated position
- ◆ Working Party – Level Two Accreditation seeking professional assistance to create/write modules
- ◆ Island Judging Panels were approved
- ◆ Balanced Scorecard discussed – below target for U12 age marchers, Coaches completing Level One and Volunteer numbers.
- ◆ Director of Finance recommended applying for funds from Sport NZ Recovery Package to offset Coaching Development work affected by Covid-19
- ◆ End of Year Financial Reports, surpluses recorded from five Associations,
- ◆ MNZ in a good financial position, virtual AGM and virtual Board Meetings attributing to considerable savings and travel offset by Air NZ credits
- ◆ Membership stats tabled still to be updated with registrations just received from Marching Taranaki
- ◆ 25 members have introduced new members this season already and 2 claims submitted for last year; potentially 45 claims to come.
- ◆ 10 Coaches, and maybe 7 more if all re-register this season, will receive the Coach Incentive of 3-years Coaching.
- ◆ 85 Coaches participated in the recent Coach Workshops throughout the country. Special thanks extended to MNZ Director of Coaching Jodie McLuskie and Karyn Cassels who presented the workshops.
- ◆ Potentially 8 Judges will be completing accreditations at the Island Championships
- ◆ 7 Judges and maybe 3 more will receive the Judge Incentive
- ◆ Updated Judge Training Kit completed
- ◆ CEO outlined a new programme (Secretary Mentoring) that will focus on establishing good practice processes and the approx. timeframe
- ◆ Admin Workshop in 2021 confirmed for President/Secretary/Treasurers at the Brentwood Hotel, Wellington on Sunday 8th August 2021
- ◆ Annual Plan was tabled for discussion, with all matters current
- ◆ No Board Members presented papers mitigating identified risks from the Risk Register. The top 6 risks were allocated to Board Members to report back at the January Meeting.
- ◆ CEO presented a summary of actions should Covid-19 affect holding of Island Championships
- ◆ Board approved, on recommendation of Marching Otago, the Chief Recorder, Chief Marshall, Announcer and Music Person for the 2021 NZ Championships.
- ◆ They also agreed that the applicable rule (ROP NZC4) be deleted from the rules via remit at the 2021 Annual Meeting

ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS
hosted by Marching Otago on
6th December, at the More FM Arena
Dunedin



NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS
hosted by Marching Taranaki on
12th December at TSB Stadium, New Plymouth

A BIG Thank You to host Associations
Marching Taranaki & Marching Otago
for hosting the Island Championships

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**GOOD LUCK EVERYONE**  
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Judge Panel **NORTH ISLAND CHAMPS**

Technical A	Anita Ireland (Marlborough)
Technical B	Gay Cubit (Waikato)
Technical C	Clare McKissick (Waikato)
Technical D	Pauline Ward (Southland)
Display A	Brenda Potter (Waikato)
Display B	Robert Gibbison (Wellington)
Compliance	Leesa Brown (Taranaki)

Judge Panel **SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPS**

Technical A	Jenny Cox (Canterbury)
Technical B	Gaylene McRae (Southland)
Technical C	Nicola Rillstone (Marlborough)
Technical D	Sherryn Palmer (Canterbury)
Display A	Donna Hayes-Cox (Otago)
Display B	Cheryl Hill (Southland)
Compliance	Judith Caldwell (Otago)

FUSION UNDER 16 TEAM

Apologies to Fusion (Marching Waikato) who were incorrectly listed as an Under 12 Team in the November Newsletter. They are marching Under 16 Grade this year and we wish them all the best for the coming season.





ASSOCIATION NOTES

Snippets from Association Minutes

Girls are training very well and are looking forward to getting out on the field at the Field Day. A busy time of the season getting uniforms ready for our first competition. Our fundraising is going well, we are currently busy selling our raffle books and have a sausage sizzle this Sunday at Mitre 10 Mega.

Seniors had an awesome camp! Learnt their review and a good chunk of display, still no tech counts as we're still doing basics but hopefully within a couple of weeks or so we can start learning that.

With having a newly formed team we have spent a lot of time building a relationship with our girls and the girls themselves. Can slowly see them earning our trust and respect as well as each other's. We are both happy to see this progression even if it's not technically marching but it's a base we both wanted to achieve first. Girls are though doing absolutely awesome and improving each week.

Trainings going well, girls have learned 4 tunes of their display, $\frac{3}{4}$ of their R&I and 2 movements of their QCM. Girls are currently enjoying a nice wee break and we look forward to hearing all about their holidays next week. Uniform fitting has been done and our raffle closes end of the month.

At the time of writing this report we are heading into camp for a week of training, bonding and fun times. There are still spaces in our team and would welcome any new marchers to the team. We are currently training on a Sunday and after the school holidays, will settle into Tuesday and Thursday mid-week training.

Girls are working hard, and excitement builds for the 31st October, with only three experienced marchers it has been a challenging journey to teach the new girls and bring them up to the same standard. Fundraising has started and there are a couple more activities planned before Christmas.

We have been on school holidays break but our first training back will be this Saturday the 10th. We will then break down the technical and keep working on our display. We are all excited for field days and look forward to the season 20-21. Let's hope we stay at Level 1 so we can have a great season for all teams.

Judges requiring uniforms. Email sent to DOJ requesting Purchasing Form for Judges Uniforms and has been received.

Judges have expressed interest to travel to other regions to shadow judge for experience and our Judges are more than welcome to shadow judge anytime, just need to let Association know when the judges would be travelling and they can organise pick up and drop offs at the airport, extra food and organise more seats.

All the best to our Judges sitting their Accreditation at South Island's this season.

A few Judges at the meeting have expressed concerns and felt that the cost to Judge over the past and present season is becoming unmanageable and recognised that they have struggled to pay their fees to Judge in the past. There are Judges that feel this is a steep fee to pay when they are giving back to the sport that they love by volunteering to Judge. There are Judges that are bearing the effects of Covid-19, with one experiencing loss of income and job uncertainties for others. Judges are concerned that they will not manage to pay the fee in time. I'm currently looking into ways to help the judges pay their fees and uniforms, and this will be in the way of fundraising e.g. Sausage Sizzle.

Well done to all teams at Training Day, you all look pretty amazing for this time of the season and considering the year we have had. Thank you to all our volunteers, this was also our first day to get back into the swing of things, yes we had some oopsies which is good this is the time to have those oopsies. Thank you to all who were patient with us. And remember if you find yourself lingering around prior to the contest starts, come down and lend a hand.....many hands make light work

Thank you to Jodie and Karyne for their time and enthusiasm in organizing and running the recent workshop. There was a positive vibe, and a lot of coaches contributed really well to the open discussions held.

Training Day was held yesterday, and all our local teams were in attendance. It was great to see that the teams are doing well for this stage of the season, especially as there have been a lot of challenges for teams preparing for this season. I look forward to watching the progress of all our teams. I would like to thank all the volunteers and especially anyone that has taken on a new role or a change in responsibility and I am positive that as the season goes on our volunteers will gain in confidence.

Technical Day was a great experience for the girls. Our exceptionally nervous newbies learnt a lot – and hopefully feel more confident going into the upcoming competitive season. It was also nice to have a few judges attend – and to be able to stand with one of the judges to talk through what they were looking at was valuable.

Sadly, we only have 8 girls and one of them is a brand-new marcher and we are asking her to focus on Display and be prepared to show it at the Xmas March in preparation for Islands. Yesterday really gave her an eye opener to what marching is all about and she had her best ever Display practice last night. Such a positive.

We need to decide on a visual, a blurb and what information we need to have that is attention grabbing and simple for promotional material.

The Nov comp to be a Christmas theme with the Comp starting at 11 am to be followed by a BBQ

With only 2 competitive teams and 2 non-competitive teams this season our focus this season has to be on growing our Association. I suggest we put aside time at every meeting to discuss and cover our strategies on building our numbers.

Under 12 Girls had a week in camp over the holidays and really enjoyed both their marching and their craft & games activities. Camp went well and goals were achieved. Now looking forward to field day and the coming season.

Looking forward to field day on 18 October, (hope weather is kind.) Have now filled all judge positions on all competitions with one still to be confirmed. Thank you to all Chief Judges who have allowed me to borrow from their Association panels. Looking forward to the season and hope all goes well, with no more interruptions by any little germs.

I envisage our Trainee Display Judge being not far off finishing her work required to qualify and that we will then have a display judge for the second half of the season.

I have continued putting flyers out around the community with the upcoming competition dates which has been a success as it has helped show marching is still in the community. I have also had people coming up and talking to me about marching while I have been putting out the updated flyers. On a positive note, the flyer that was put out alongside the competition date flyer have had the tear tabs slowly disappearing so there are people out there interested in supporting Marching.

The Pie Fundraiser did well with a profit of \$480. Our 50/50 raffle is up and going. Roster for this has been handed out. But we still need money to flow in so looking into holding BBQ at the Warehouse. More ideas/opportunities need to be sourced

I've had a coach ask, in preparation of going to the Coach Workshop, if the Association provided the Blue Book to new coaches. Upon answering in the negative, she asked if I could put it to the committee that this is considered going forward. A nice "well done for choosing to be a coach, and passing the test, here's something to get you started" kind of thing.

Yay for great weather on Field Day! Was awesome to get back on that field, even if I was wearing too many hats on the day! Frantic was the feeling I had, but it will only get better now I have experienced it! I feel that learning happened a wee bit throughout the teams, which is what Field Day is all about. Exciting to see most teams there and the caliber already has me excited for the results each comp.

Happy that coaches listened to my request (or will...) and had Display music on USB to go with our upgraded system. Field Day was a great time to get the bugs ironed out for that.

Exciting, our Field Day is done and dusted with a great turn out of teams and supporters.

Have sorted the Santa Parade, in that we have 2 spots booked. I work with Chief Elf and she's super excited that the Marching girls are coming again this year so has spread them out. All teams attending have been informed.

The weather played its part for Field Day. Any marching day is a good day when you don't need your plastic bag when judging. We had two ladies come along and have a look at judging to see what it's all about. So, here's hoping to some new trainees. I was really impressed with all the teams and look forward to getting the season under way.

From our end of year survey, there were two points in particular that I have followed up on and they are "Introducing committee" photos and I will be following this up with our Judging panel and competition personal on social media. I will also be having a whiteboard with the team draw order on it so the public can see on competition days.

After a successful field day on Sunday past, I am pleased to report that all teams have now handed in their registration forms.

The Association has purchased 6 medium bottles of hand sanitizer and Glen 20 spray. These will be available at a central point – to be advised on the draw for each competition. Teams recommended to have their own hand sanitizer, and Glen 20 spray.

The Team had provided a comprehensive list of current assets as requested, and it was suggested that teams annually, along with their financial reports, provide a list of their assets, and the person who is responsible for these assets.

It was moved that teams have permission to travel to the Island Championships, subject to submitting their budget and bank statement to Association Treasurer, weeks prior to the event.

It was moved that trainee judges and new coaches (on completion of their induction to coaching) receive a hard copy of the Operations Manual. The updating of these as new releases came out, would be their responsibility.

We should be encouraging a smoke free environment at our events and after discussion, it was decided that smokers, and those vaping also, be asked to do so on the grass verge on the street, not anywhere near where our teams are assembled, to do their smoking.

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Merry Christmas  
Everyone  
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