



# REFEREES REPORT 2020/21

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## Referee Director:

With COVID-19 coming into play in April 2020, it caused major sporting events to be cancelled or postponed till 2021.

The season has been challenging for the referees as well as the modules around the region.

Junior Oceania Invitational Cup was postponed till March 2021 due to the circumstances surrounding covid-19, & the uncertainty that a tournament was able to run during these tough times.

We were lucky that some modules were able to get off the ground in November which they had to follow the mandate the government had laid out.

Junior Nationals 2020 still went ahead but in October 2020 as planned but during this time we needed to follow the guide lines set by Sport NZ

Our young referees have stepped up to the challenge being invited to the Junior Oceania & Senior Nationals which now have itched their names permanently on the list.



## Referee Director: Continued-

We continue to work with OZTag Australia with Garth Widdowson who have been sending referees here to help officiate our tournaments as well as to gain experience.

We had no referees go to NSW State Cup in March 2020 due to the Lock down of Covid19, but we did have referees go to the Queensland State Cup in February 2020, Mina, David, Lance B, Gina & Lance King.

Fridays are no issues any-more for lack of referee numbers on tournament days due to increasing the referee payments for Fridays in order to get the numbers required.



## Recruitment:

Recruitment of new referees have been successful due to promotion & marketing on Facebook before a major tournament.

Touch, Netball & Rugby referees have been the people showing up to the courses, a lot of them wanted to give a new sport a go for others it was following their friends already refereeing tag.

The courses run at either Rowandale school in Manurewa or NZIS Greenlane have had good numbers showing up.

The New Rule books really have been a blessing for the facilitators & the referees, finally having a proper rule book after so many years of photo copying, more professional now.



## Score Cards:

The score cards were changed due to issues with writing on a blank card the score & then totaling up at the end of the game.

The version 2 cards now have 3 rows of the numeric number 1 & 3 rows of numeric number 2, this version also had issues due to the numeric numbers were to close to each other which did not give enough space for the referee to mark the try correctly which at times went over into the next numeric number causing problems at the end of the game.

Version 3 hopefully ready by Trans-Tasman 2020 will give more spacing between the numeric numbers for the TRIES.



## Modules:

The only modules going strong at the moment where the referees are currently officiating at are:

- Richmond
- Bay Roskill
- Glenfield
- Hibiscus Coast
- Otara
- Papatoetoe
- House Park
- Tomorata
- Shark Park

Not many modules at the moment.



## Tournaments:

Senior Oceania

Junior Oceania

Senior Nationals

Junior Nationals

Trans-Tasman

Our Tournaments are growing every year, which is a good sign that our sport is popular, we have always struggled to get referees to referee on a Friday, due to them having to take annual leave which some of them couldn't afford to or are low income earners.

With the \$150.00 now offered for the Friday this was an incentive to get referees to take lieu days at their place of employment to make it worth taking the Friday off to attend our Tournaments.

The introduction of the Marshalls helped bring the cards back quicker to admin, just need to get the referees to inform them that no game on the field to look after the bucket of tags & balls.



## Structure:

I have created a new structure which brings in Karl Vasau as the Tournament Referee Coordinator where he looks after the referees during the tournaments, Referee Admin & Referee Wellbeing which frees the NRD (National Referee Director) to attend Judicial, Coaches & Managers meetings, Assess Referees, Finalise Appointments, Referee Complaints & ITF Panel.

Karl Vasau-Tournament Referee coordinator

Angela Toelau-Referee Manager

April Toelau Spencer-Referee Admin

Michelle Keast-Wellbeing Manager

TBC-Wellbeing Assistant



## **ITF Referee Panel:**

After so many years of trying to get ITF to add a Referees Panel to the body, March 2020 ITF Chairman Stuart McConnell had excepted my nomination from NZTFI onto the ITF Referees Panel, which will scrutinize the rules, to plan referee movements for World Cups, Trans-Tasman, & any ITF Sanctioned International tournaments.

### ***The Panel consist of:***

David Shipley-England

Garth Widdowson-Australia

Shaun Harvie-South Africa

Ultran Ryan-Ireland

Willie Toelau-New Zealand



## NZTFI Top 20 Referees: 2020/2021

1. Mina Nomani
2. Maxine Godinet
3. David Millar
4. Sefo Ngone
5. Vern Nathan
6. Ian Collis
7. Greg McIntrye
8. Bryan Barron
9. Moe Mataafa
10. Nigel Williams
11. Brent Newton
12. Brandon Tasker
13. Joe Brierly
14. Jackson Brierly
15. Collin Nepson
16. Hirini Pirihi
17. Lee Robinson
18. Lau Pauuvale
19. Moana Edwards
20. Dion Nathan





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