

Lindsay John Edwards

Umpire Career Summary

Personal Details:

Full name Lindsay John Edwards

Softball Umpire

Wanganui

Profile/Background:

Lindsay first became interested in Umpiring softball at the end of a long stint as a player, representing his two provinces (Hawkes Bay and Wanganui) at various times, and a member of the NZ Combined Services side competing at all major tournaments around the country with those sides, or his Wanganui Club Aces.

As his family grew Lindsay decided that by umpiring, he was still able to watch his kids develop and attend major tournaments at the same time. Serious umpiring began after the first couple of years (1988-1990) spent player-umpiring and gaining his qualifying then his badge creditations.

Lindsay became ISF certified in 1998, making him eligible to attend the North American experience with the travelling Black Sox team.

From 1994 onwards, Lindsay attended almost every major tournament on the NZ Softball calendar as an umpire, achieving various stages of development and in most cases operating in the finals of those tournaments either at the plate or on the bases as part of the umpiring crew.

Achievements:

International:

1994 Australia State Championships (South Australia)

1998 North American tour with the black sox to Canada and the United States

2000 South Pacific Qualifier Christchurch (womens)

NZ vs Australia (mens)

2001 Junior Mens Worlds at Sydney Australia

2004 Mens World Series at Christchurch

2005 ISC Tournament in Fargo North Dakota

Evodrive test Tauranga (NZ/Australia/Samoa/Japan)

2008 Oceania Mens WC qualifier (NZ)

Dates not known, but also attended Qualifying and South Pacific tournaments in Melbourne, and Canberra.

National :

Appointed as RDU around 2006 as the Central Region representative.

Appointed Convenor of the Level 7 group at around the same time, responsible for the appointments of mentors, and role models of umpiring to those aspiring to get themselves ISF certified, or wishing to take their level of umpiring further.

Appointed TCU to a number of National tournaments, particularly in the Central region, with an appointment to the Mens NFC as TCU in 2011.

Regional and other notable achievements:

Presently secretary of the Wanganui Softball Association Inc. a position that he has held since 2007. Before that an active member of the Wanganui Softball Association both at committee and Umpiring levels. Chief Umpire in Wanganui for a number of years. This position currently held by Lance Brown, one of NZ's most exciting and promising umpiring prospects.

Convenor/organizer of a number of Pre-season Clinics held in the Central Region.

Judged Umpire of the year 2001

Life Member Wanganui Softball Association 2005

NZ Umpire Distinguished Service Award 2009

Biggest influences:

Tribute must be paid to Charlie Phillips, former NZCU, who was Lindsay's mentor and role model for a number of those formative years. The present group of NZ Umpires have a number that helped and assisted Lindsay to achieve as he has, and he acknowledges that without their input, he would have cut short the career he has enjoyed for such a long time. Players too, too many to name, have contributed in their own way in assisting him on his journey.