



2015 REFEREE'S EXAMINER'S REPORT



Officials working at the Otara section of the OWNZ National Secondary School Championships.

With the increase in the number of domestic competitions there has also been an increase in the number of opportunities for referees to gain valuable experience.

The number of affiliated referees is impressive but the lack of activity by some referees is concerning.

Number of active affiliated referees:	99
Northland	8
Auckland	37
Bay of Plenty	7
Wellington	21
Nelson	4
Christchurch	10
Dunedin	7
Invercargill	5

A total of 18 referees have officiated at 5 or more contests and I wish to thank them for their contribution to our sport. They are:

Northland Dr Michael Smith, Eliza Kawiti, Rory Taylor

Auckland Kelsie Chapman, Laura Mittenthal, Emma Pilkington, Richard Wong, Linda Guinares, Keisha-Dean Soffe, Danny Nemani and Mihi Nemani

Wellington Lizana Muir and Lea Attenborough

Canterbury Peter Gregory-Hunt

Dunedin Phil Murphy

Southland Jason Fanning, David Hughan and Barbara Grieve

15 referees have attained OWNZ Level 1 during the year.

Northland	4
Auckland	9
Wellington	2

On a negative side a total of 67 referees have not officiated at any contests during 2015. As referee's examiner I need to remove these people from our list of OWNZ Referees unless I have some supporting recommendations from their Clubs.



We have also made progress with our IWF Referees. At the beginning of the year we had 3 IWF Cat 1 referees and 4 IWF Cat 2's. We now have 7 IWF Cat 1 referees and I congratulate Tony Ebert, Jenni Ebert, Barbara Grieve and Keisha-Dean Soffe for attaining this elevated status. IWF Cat1 is the highest level of refereeing or acting as a Technical Official. During the year Barbara Grieve, Keisha-Dean Soffe and I were Technical Officials at the Oceania and South Pacific Games in Port Moresby, PNG and Tony Ebert, Jenni Ebert, Keisha-Dean Soffe and myself were Technical Officials at the Samoa Commonwealth Youth Games in Apia, Samoa

What do we need to attempt in 2016?

I would request that Associations or Clubs recommend any OWNZ Level 1 referees who are worthy of consideration for promotion to IWF Cat 2. They would need 5 years of National experience or Senior International

Lifting representation

I would also like to see scoresheets recording the names of Referees, Timekeepers, Marshalls and Technical Controllers. These are all positions that referees should have some experience with, even though I know it is not possible to enable this to happen at local contests.

I would like to thank the OWNZ Statistician, Mr Ron Mann for the work he has done keeping a record of our active referees and Keisha-Dean Soffe for her advice which is always welcomed.

Finally I wish DHBC, 41 Degrees, WWA, all officials and athletes all the best for the next 3 days of competition.

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2015 OWNZ Referees Examiner