

NZTUA NEWS

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News in Brief

Beijing Olympics 2008

Congratulations to Aidan O'Rourke who was selected by the ITF as a line umpire for the tennis event at the Beijing Olympics to be held in August next year. Only 60 international line umpires were selected from around the world so it is a remarkable achievement. Congratulations also to Payal Jain, an ITF official living in Auckland who was selected as a line umpire and will represent her home country of India at the Games.

Wimbledon Applications

Application forms are now available for officials to apply for Wimbledon in 2008. Application forms are available on the ITF Officials Website. ITF officials or line umpires who have worked at the Australian Open are welcome to apply. Ask Aidan if you do not have an application form. Please return your applications to NZTUA by **15 November** so NZTUA can endorse and post them to London.

Pelorus Trust Sponsorship

NZTUA would like to thank the Pelorus Trust for their generous sponsorship of the NZTUA Newsletter for the next 12 months. The Trust has covered all the printing and postage costs of the NZTUA News, which I am sure Members who still receive hard copies in the post will appreciate.

ASB Pro Circuit Futures Events 2008

Tennis New Zealand has announced that the ASB Pro Circuit Futures Event venues in 2008 will be the same as this year's tournaments. The dates of the events are therefore as follows:

ASB INTERNATIONAL WELLINGTON

Men's \$15K and Women's \$10k

Friday 22 February to Sunday 2 March 2008

ASB INTERNATIONAL HAMILTON

Men's \$15K and Women's \$10k

Friday 29 February to Sunday 9 March 2008

Application forms are enclosed for Supervisors and Chair Umpires, including both designate chair umpires and national badged supplementary chair umpires. Line Umpires are required for the last three days of each event and line umpire applications will be out in December.

The Futures Events are the best opportunity for chair umpires without ITF badges to gain the experience of professional chairs necessary to apply for ITF officiating schools. NZTUA therefore recommends any chair umpires interested in gaining an ITF badge to apply for the events. All travel and accommodation is provided.

Please feel free to pass the application form for Supervisors or Chair Umpires onto any officials that you think may be interested.

Supervisor and Chair Umpire Applications due 23 November

2008 New Zealand Tour Events

Congratulations to the many officials from Auckland and around New Zealand who were selected for the 2008 ASB Classic and Heineken Open, which start at the end of next month.

NZTUA has again made available a range of assistance to New Zealand umpires traveling to Auckland. The Association is providing subsidised, apartment style accommodation nearby to the tennis centre and travel grants of up to \$150 for New Zealand umpires traveling to the events from outside of Auckland.

If you would like to apply for the travel grant or make use of the subsidised accommodation please contact Aidan as soon as you can so he can explain to you the details. NZTUA must receive all applications for travel grants by **19 November 2007**.

Upcoming Events

If you can work any of these events please contact your District Association at the details below or NZTUA:

AUCKLAND

NZMT 1	Refs, Chairs	5-7 December
NZMT 2 (Auckland Open)	Refs, Chairs, Lines	8-10 December
NZMT 3	Refs, Chairs	11-13 December
NZ Junior Championships	Refs, Chairs, Lines	14-18 December
Akld Christmas Tournament	Referees	19-23 December
NZ Residentials	Refs, Chairs, Lines	19-23 December
NH Junior Open	Referees	27-31 December
ASB Classic	Line Umpires	29 Dec – 5 January
Heineken Open	Line Umpires	5 – 12 January

WAIKATO BAYS

Waikato Junior Open	Referees	7-13 December
East Coast Junior Open	Referees	14-17 December
NZMT 4	Refs, Chairs	5-7 January

WELLINGTON

Regional 1 Interclub	Referees	10, 17, 24 Nov
Hutt Valley Junior Open	Referees	15-19 December
NZMT 5	Refs, Chairs	8-10 January
NZMT 6	Refs, Chairs	11-13 January

NELSON/MARLBOROUGH

Nelson Summer Open	Referees	13-16 December
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CANTERBURY

ITF World Seniors Teams	Referees, Chairs	26 Nov – 1 Dec
ITF World Seniors Individuals	Referees, Chairs	2 – 9 December
Cant. Xmas Tournament	Referees	20-24 December
NZMT 7	Refs, Chairs	14-16 January
NZ Wheelchair Open	Chairs, Lines	15-18 January
NZMT 8	Refs, Chairs	17-19 January

OTAGO

Queenstown Junior Open	Referees	24-25 November
Otago Junior Champs	Referees	15-17 December

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Tennis NZ Money Tournaments

Tennis New Zealand has announced a new set of tournaments for their best senior players. The Circuit of New Zealand Money Tournaments (NZMTs) includes three events in December and five events in January. The locations and dates of the tournaments are listed in the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter.

Each event requires and ITF badged referee, for which expressions of interest have closed, but TNZ also require roving referees and chair umpires for each day of the events. If you are interested in either rove refereeing at the NZMTs, or would like to gain some valuable chair umpiring experience with New Zealand's best players, please contact your district association or NZTUA.

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Officiating Awards

NZTUA has established an annual system of officiating awards to recognise the achievements of New Zealand tennis officials during the year both on court and in the administration of tennis officiating. Nominations for the awards are made by district associations but if you have somebody in mind please contact your district association to make a recommendation.

The 2007 Awards ceremony will be held during the NZ Tour Events in Auckland and next month's newsletter will contain the full list of nominations so watch this space for more information.

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