



To all in TKD.

Well the 2002 ITFNZ National tournament has come and gone and with great success. We managed to get through the weekend with all the new events on time. I had many people come up to me over the weekend to tell how well the tournament was run. I have to say I was only tournament organizer by name, as the success of the tournament was through the hard work of many people. I feel I need to thank those people and in doing so, informing you on what tasks they performed, this is for their recognition and for future tournaments. I will pass this letter on to the others in the tournament organizing committee, so they can comment on the pros and cons of their part in the tournament. Future Organizers may find this helpful.

Competitors.

Firstly I would like to thank all the competitors. Without competitors we wouldn't have tournaments and people travel long distances and at great expense to get to tournaments. I would like to say that this year all competitors worked together and under pressure to keep the tournament flowing. The spirit was great and we had very few complaints, which made our job easier.

Team Managers.

We put a lot of pressure on team managers this year to ensure they collected all entries and fees and sent to us on time and in bulk. This was such a great help as we were able to keep track of regions, rather than competitors, also it enable us to get the draw out on time.

Marshals.

What made this tournament, run so well this year, I feel had a lot to do with the ring Marshals. They keep the rings going and we never heard from them all weekend. They had competitors ready and waiting two bouts ahead of time and if something did go wrong they sorted it out within their rings.

Officials.

We ran a roster system for officials, so as everyone knew where they should be and who to call on if they needed a rest. This worked well, although there were times when we needed to call for officials, mainly corner judges but there was always someone ready to help.

Organizing committee.

As I stated before the real success to this tournament belongs to the Organizing committee. I suggest to anyone who is going to run a tournament to surround your self with competent reliable people. This year's committee each had a part to organize. My part was to send out entries, run a budget, and collect the entries and to oversee the tournament.

Mr. Eccles was to set the venue, arrange equipment, and contact officials and to be floor manager on the day.

Miss J Collins had the tasks of providing food for the officials, setting up the canteen, arranging the dinner venue and function.

Mr. Davidson, as a senior in ITFNZ was to arrange with all his contacts the programme designs and VIPs for the weekend, also to step in for me if need be.

Mr. Rimmer as an adviser helped us all out, using his knowage and advice from past tournaments.

The Draw.

The draw in any tournament would be one of the hardest and most time consuming parts to organize and without the help of committed people such as the Breens, tournaments wouldn't go ahead. They spent hours on the draw setting it up and running it through the weekend and also arranged all the trophies for the tournament, this saving the committee a lot of time and worry.

Others.

I have to also thank Mr. Joe for his input and advice over the past months, when we needed to sort rules and events out he made the decisions that made all the new events a success.

Mr. McPhail for sponsoring programs, tickets and certificate.

Epson our main sponsor, who has supported ITFNZ for many years, allowing us to have these tournaments.

I can't thank everybody who helped in this tournament as I would be still be writing when next years tournament comes around, but as you can see it takes a lot of help and advice, so if anyone is attempting to organize something like this, I again stress that you surround yourself with the right people.

I have kept a copy of all documents used in this tournament; if anyone needs them please don't hesitate to contact me.

Besides everything going so smoothly, the highlight for me was the BB teams event. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and got home safely and I hope to see you all next year.

Yours in TKD

Ross Campbell

2002 Tournament Organiser.