



North Island Colgate Games 2019

Porritt Stadium, Hamilton

Friday 4th Saturday 5th Sunday 6th
January 2019



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Welcome to the first newsletter about the upcoming Colgate Games in January next year. There will be plenty more information to follow - we are looking forward to making these games a big success.

The Host Centre is Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty – which includes all the clubs in our large and beautiful region.

The Games

Porritt Stadium

Hamilton's Porritt Stadium is the base for these games – a stadium with a long history of successful athletics meets. The stadium will be well set up for the games with warm up areas for throws and running, parking close by, good food options, shady spots to view, and a great all-weather track!! The stadium is based in Chartwell on the eastern side of Hamilton, close to Westfield Chartwell and the Eastern bypass. We have a medium sized grandstand and sufficient space for tents within the stadium.

Events

For those new to athletics here is a quick summary of how the Colgate Games work. On the Friday morning there is an Opening Ceremony and March Past. The games run from Friday morning through to Sunday night – with relays being the last events of each day. You compete and enter through your Athletics Club and must pre- enter in November. Children wear their club uniforms and age flashes.

Athletes can enter up to five events plus relays. Full Meeting Rules and Conditions of Entry will follow later in the year on the NZ Children's Athletics Webpage

	7-9 years	10-14 years	
Events	60m 100m 200m Long Jump Discus Shotput	100m 200m 400m 800m 1500m	Long Jump High Jump Discus Shotput Hurdles (12-14 yrs. only) Racewalk
Format	Divisions	Heats, Semis (for some events), Finals	
Results	Not posted	Posted online and at the stadium	
Awards	Pennants for 1 st 2 nd and 3 rd in each division, and ribbons for non-place getters.	Medals and Certificates for 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Finalist ribbons for 4 th -8 th	
Relays	4x100m	4x100m, Mixed Medley	

The Location

Hamilton

While Hamilton does not have a beach (we know about the jokes) there are lots of things to do both in our thriving city and nearby. Here are just a few of them:

- Walk, run or bike by the lovely Waikato river on the Te Awa River Ride.
- Visit one of our many destination playgrounds or our great cafes
- Visit our Internationally acclaimed Hamilton Gardens
- Visit the Hamilton Zoo or the Waikato Museum.
- Head to one of our public swimming pools
- Visit the bird sanctuary of Maungatautari
- Head out to the stunning black sand beaches at Raglan
- Have a hot swim in thermal Te Aroha
- Visit Hobbiton near Matamata
- Go to see the magnificent Waitomo Caves (and catch some glow worms)
- Head down to Rotorua and the myriad of tourist attractions
- Drive over the Kaimais to the wonderful beaches of the Bay of Plenty

Accommodation

There are lots of motels in Hamilton. We do recommend booking early to secure your accommodation. There are also camping grounds, university hostels and Airbnb solutions. You can stay in some of the surrounding towns too.

Officials and Volunteers

We will need officials to assist run this event. If you are able to help in any capacity, we would appreciate this. In particular we will be looking for:

- Graded Officials for Track and Field Events
- Runners – teenagers to help the officials and committee run the event (ideally suited to athletes who have competed in the Colgate Games in the past – but you don't have to be an athlete)

You will be able to register through NZ Children's Athletics closer to the time.

More to come

We plan to put out a newsletter every couple of months so keep watching the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/583538785363615/> or your athletic club news. Entries will be open October-November (dates to be confirmed).

Links

Google Map reference	https://goo.gl/maps/FBPVMZsXdJw
Facebook Page	https://www.facebook.com/events/583538785363615/
Hamilton Gardens	https://hamiltongardens.co.nz/
Hamilton Zoo	http://hamiltonzoo.co.nz/
Waikato Museum	http://waikatomuseum.co.nz/
Cycle Paths	https://www.hamiltonwaikato.com/experiences/cycling/waikato-river-trails/
Te Awa River Ride	https://www.te-awa.org.nz/
Waitomo Caves	http://www.waitomo.com/
Hobbiton	https://www.hobbitontours.com/en/