

Information for Competitors

General Information

Meeting Administration:

The meeting is controlled by the Meeting Manager.

The Technical Information Centre (TIC) is located in front of the common room at the eastern end of the grandstand.

Presentation of Sponsors Prizes:

These will be presented shortly after the completion of each event.

The presentation area will be located in the infield in front of the grandstand.

Protests and Queries:

Protests about results must be made firstly orally to the appropriate Referee.

If the Referee is not available, protest is to be made through the TIC on the appropriate form.

The Referee's decision may be appealed to the Jury of Appeal in writing and on payment of \$50.

Protests and Appeals must be made within 30 minutes of the announcement of the official results or referee's decision.

First Aid/ Physio/ Ice available from the First Aid tent located at the end of the home straight.

Massage: Available on a user pays basis adjacent to the First Aid tent.

Changing Rooms/Showers/Toilets. Located below the grandstand. Please note that the use of these facilities WILL be restricted due to FIFA Women's World Cup based at Porritt Stadium. There will be other facilities open on the warm-up field and in place. These will be signposted.

Entry to the stadium for athletes and officials will be signposted.

Reporting for Events

Entry Confirmation: Athletes must report to the **TIC** no later than 45 minutes prior to their start time of their event. Early advice of a scratching is appreciated.

Reporting Requirements:

Track Events: Athletes must report to the Starters Assistant no later than 15 minutes before the scheduled start time for their event. Hurlers must report to the back straight for final phase warm ups 20mins prior to their event.

Field Events: Athletes must report to the Chief Recorder no later than 20 minutes before the scheduled start time for their event. This is to allow adequate time for checking of competitors before warm-up throws or jumps can take place. You can report earlier if the officials are at the event site.

Competition Rules/Information

General

Age of eligibility to compete: Subject to performance ability, the youngest competitor allowed to compete in Senior/Open Events must be aged 16 on December 31 2023. In Under 20, Under 18 and Para events the youngest competitor must be aged 15 on December 31 2023. In the Boys and Girls short hurdles the youngest competitor must be aged 13 on December 31 2023. In the schools events the NZSSAA age rules apply. Competitors must be aged 13 to 19 on December 31 2023.

Conduct of Events:

Competition will be held under World Athletics rules unless specific ANZ rules apply

The LOC reserves the right to limit the number of entries in any event, and if necessary, this will be determined by the Athletics NZ and Oceania Ranking lists.

Permit events will be Senior grade only. Throwing implements for the Permit events will be Senior weights only. For Permit horizontal field events the top eight athletes after the first 3 rounds will receive a further 3 trials as per World Athletics rule TR25.6.

PARA throwers will compete with their normal implement weights.

Non-Permit track will be open to the ages above as per the programme.

Clash of Events: Track events take precedence over field events. Competitors must get permission from the Chief Judge to leave the field event to go to another event.

Competition Bibs:

All competitors (except Secondary School athletes) will be issued with two competition bibs to be worn on the front and back of their competition top (except for all jumps where one bib only may be worn on the front or the back). Secondary School athletes will have one bib worn on the front of their competition top. Numbers must be fully visible at all times when competing.

Spikes: Pyramid/cone and Christmas tree shapes permitted. No Needle or Pin spikes allowed. Maximum length is **6mm**, except for javelin and high jump where a maximum of **9mm** is allowed.

Personal Implements

Personal implements must be checked into the Technical Shed at least 2 hours prior to the relevant event and must be collected from the Technical Shed post competition. This is particularly important for javelins. By arrangement, check in for javelins the day before would be appreciated.

A throws competitor may not check in more than 2 implements for their competition.

Safety Issues

Access to the competition Area

The competition area is defined as the area inside of the pipe and rail fence that runs around the perimeter of the track.

The only persons permitted access at all times are athletes competing in an event, at the time, and officials conducting the event. Prior approved persons may enter the competition area and will be required to wear distinctive safety clothing.

These persons must present themselves to the Meeting Manager prior to entry, e.g. Press, Biomechanists.

Athletes and Officials must not cross the inner competition area or the main straight for any reason. To reach your competition area you should go around the outside of the track to a point which allows you to cross the track and the infield to your competition area by the shortest route.

Warm Up areas

EXCEPT for authorised warm-up throws or jumps under the control of field event officials prior to events, warming up must **NOT** take place in the competition area. The warm up areas are the playing fields close to the stadium (track warm ups on the football field to the east of the stadium, throws warm ups on the field to the east of the arena). These areas will be sign posted to indicate which area to use. Final phase hurdles warm ups will be allowed on the back straight under the management of Officials. Warming up is NOT PERMITTED on the fenced off football field immediately behind the grandstand.

When warming up outside the competition area it is the athlete's individual responsibility to ensure warm-up activities do not endanger themselves, other competitors, or members of the general public. Be aware this is Public Park with no restriction on access.

During warm-up throws, athletes using the external throwing area must be accompanied by another person acting as a lookout for potential danger.

ALL THROWS events with the exception of Para athletes, will use SENIOR implements (Para athletes use their respective weight)

- **PERMIT JAVELIN and HAMMER will be run as 2 parallel competitions with 6 Men and 6 Women / all throwers are entitled to 6 throws. Event management have the right to restrict entry to the top 6 Male and top 6 Female entries.**
- **All other horizontal field events will operate with top 8 having 3 additional trials as per World Athletics rule TR 25.6**