



ATHLETICS WAIKATO - BAY OF PLENTY Inc

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice of Special General Meeting Tuesday March 7th 7.30pm (ONLINE)

The Board of Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty is giving 21 days' notice to hold Special General Meeting Tuesday 7th March online via Teams at 7.30pm with the Agenda item of Centre levies and new membership offerings .

Please see the last page of this notice for excerpts from our Constitution regarding Special General Meetings .

Background

The Board deferred the levy decision at the AGM in August as there was uncertainty over the new membership offerings from Athletics NZ. There was uncertainty as to how clubs and memberships would recover after a challenging season where many events were unable to be held and holding club nights was challenging .

Now these memberships have been confirmed the Board is proposing offering all the new memberships to affiliated clubs so they can choose if they offer them or not .

Please refer to this link for the different memberships now available .

<https://athletics.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Athletics-NZ-Membership-Fees-2022-2023.pdf>

Levy Proposal

The Board also wants to increase our Centre Levies by between \$2 and \$5 per athlete.

The existing and proposed levies are below – the winter membership and quarterly memberships are cheaper than the full year membership but are more than 50% because the full year membership will remain the most cost-effective model due to the same administrative costs in setting up members.

The reasons why we want to increase levies.

1. Our levies are below other major centres and we have been too slow to increase over previous years.

2. We need to fund a Development and Events role- to support children, winter, and summer athletes, and levies need to contribute strongly to this.
3. We are offering new memberships with other options including a winter membership reflecting the lower cost of the winter events.
4. We are still a cheap sport compared to other sports.
5. Without more income we cannot do as much – we would need more volunteers or to cut our events and services.

	ANZ	AWBOP Current	AWBOP Proposed	Increase
3-4 years		\$ 5	\$ 7	\$ 2
6 Years & Under	\$10	\$ 10	\$ 12	\$ 2
Quarterly 6 & Under	\$7 per quarter		\$ 7	
Active Member 7 to 14 Years	\$35	\$ 15	\$ 20	\$ 5
Quarterly 7 to 14 Years	\$25 per quarter		\$ 11	
Competitive Member 15 to 19 Years	\$51	\$ 15	\$ 20	\$ 5
Quarterly Member 15 to 19 Years	\$20 (Q1/Q2)		\$ 8	
	\$29 (Q3/Q4)		\$ 11	
Competitive Member 20+	\$66	\$ 15	\$ 20	\$ 5
Winter Seasonal Member 20+	\$52 (+ \$26 summer top up)		\$ 12	
Social Member 15+	\$36	\$ 15	\$ 20	\$ 5

Agenda for the Meeting

- 1 Discuss the proposed Membership Model
- 2 Vote on increased levies

From our Constitution

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING:

A Special General Meeting will be convened by the Executive Officer or appointed person(s) on receipt in writing of a request signed by not less than 5 member clubs or member organisations or if called by the Board at any time.

Member clubs or member organisations shall receive not less than 21 days' notice of a Special General Meeting stating the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted at that meeting. Page 11

13. PROCEDURE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

13.1 Voting

(a) At any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, each member club and member organisation shall be entitled to two votes each, providing that no person present and entitled to vote shall exercise more than one vote.

(b) All persons appointed to vote must be 16 years or over at the time of the Meeting.

(c) In the case of equality of votes the Chairperson of the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to any deliberative vote to which they shall be entitled to.

(d) Election of Officers and others, and all questions submitted for discussion at any meeting shall be put to the vote and decided on a show of hands, provided however that if any person present and entitled to vote requests that voting be by ballot then the voting shall take place accordingly.

13.2 Delegates

(a) Each member club or member organisation shall be entitled to be represented by two persons to exercise that organisation's votes at any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

(b) No person shall exercise more than one vote.

(c) All persons appointed to vote must be 16 years or over at the time of the meeting.

13.3. Proxies

(a) Each delegate appointed under clause 13.2 may exercise his or her vote at any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting by proxy. All persons appointed to act as proxy must be aged 16 years or over at the date of nomination.

(b) Notice of the nomination of the proxy must be in writing, signed by the person appointing the proxy and lodged with the Executive Officer or appointed person(s) prior to the commencement of the relevant meeting.

13.4 Quorum

(a) For an Annual General or Special General meeting of AWBOP, a quorum shall be at least eight (8) member clubs or member organisations.

13.5 Chairperson of Meetings

(a) At the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting the chair shall be taken by the President.

(b) If the President is absent the Chair shall be taken by the Chairperson of the AWBOP Board.

(c) If the Chairperson of Board is also absent the delegates present shall elect one of the members to take the Chair for that meeting.