

MEETING RULES 2023

GENERAL

1. "Where not specifically set out in these rules and the Waikato Bay of Plenty Championship will apply.
2. Only Meeting Officials should be in the Centre of the arena.
3. Any athlete having qualified for a final who fails to compete in that final becomes ineligible for further competition on the day. Likewise any competitor starting a final and making no significant effort could face disqualification. This decision will be the sole responsibility of the Referee.
4. Athletes may only compete in a maximum of 4 events, the four events may include a maximum of three track or three field events. This includes the Triple Jump and Walks events which are held on a separate calendar date.
5. The programme can run up to 20 minutes ahead, athletes may be called to marshal 20 minutes prior to the start of their track event.

TRACK

6. Competitors wearing spike running shoes may only wear them during competition and must remove them at the conclusion of the race. Please do not walk through the middle of the arena.
7. The track is an all weather surface, Spikes to be used:
Porritt: Cones, Xmas tree, spikes no longer than 6mm, no needles of any sort are acceptable
Tauranga: Xmas trees or blunt cones, spikes no longer than 6mm, no needles of any sort are acceptable
8. Starting Rules
 - * No athletes 9 years or younger are permitted to wear spikes.
 - * All athletes 7-14 years must crouch start and if wearing spikes must use blocks. Blocks must be used for all athletes Grade 12 and above.
9. Athletes must not go to the assembly area of an event unless called by the Meeting Announcer.
10. Where necessary, entrants in all track events will be placed in heats. If there is an excessive number of withdrawals, or in the case of only 8 competitors reporting, a straight final will be run at the programme final time.
11. Of the track events, only two may be distance, and for the purpose of these rules the 400m, 800m and 1500m races are distance events.

METHOD OF FINDING FINALISTS

12. 60m, 100m, 200m, hurdles
Fastest 8, by time, to the final
13. 400m, 800m, 1500m.
Where more than one heat of athletes register to compete, they become divisional finals; the final placings to be determined on fastest times.
14. Notification of Qualifiers and Reserves
Qualifiers for finals will be notified in the following way:
 - a) Final sheets will be posted on the notice boards.
 - b) Qualifiers' names will also be broadcast over the public address system prior to the call to go to the marshalling arena.
15. All lanes in heats, or finals when no preliminary races are necessary, shall be pre-drawn by ballot and printed in the programme. Lane draws for all finals will be drawn by ballot, posted on the notice boards and announced.
16. Athletes competing in laned events must remain in their lanes and return to the finish line at the completion of the event until dismissed by the appropriate official.

FIELD

In long jump, shot put and discus the competition shall be limited to three (3) attempts per athlete.
For Grades 12 and over, both boys and girls, all competitors shall be given three throws, and the best eight competitors a further three. Placings shall be decided on the best performance over the whole competition. In the event of a tie for the 8th qualifier, the second best performance will be taken and if necessary the third performance. If still a tie, both shall compete in final 3 rounds.
In the event of large entries in field events, the athletes may be split into divisions.
The final placings will be determined from the longest distance over all divisions
Do not report to the field event until your division is called.

PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Any protests in the first instance are made orally to the referee by the athlete, or by the Athlete's Team Manager. The referee may decide on the protest, or may refer the matter to the Jury of Appeal. An application to the Jury of Appeal must be made in writing, signed by the Team Manager on behalf of the athlete, and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$20.00 (refundable in the event of a successful appeal or if the jury deems appropriate). Any application to the Jury of Appeal must be made within 30 minutes of the official posting of the results.

UNIFORMS

- * All uniforms must be the correct uniform of the club
- * All Age Flashes must be on the front side of the uniform and **MUST BE SEWN** on. No pins or Velcro allowed.
- * All shorts must be above the knee and only known manufacturing logos are acceptable (no Franchise brands are accepted)