

The following information will be of value to you as you prepare for the meeting.

Timeline:	
Wednesday 4 February 2026	Entry information available for schools. . See Events Athletics Waikato & Bay Of Plenty and scroll down and click on March 12 WBOP Secondary Schools Bay of Plenty Zone and select the links you require. Alternatively the information will be available at Sport BOP https://www.sportbop.co.nz/partners/secondary-schools/events-and-resources/
Monday 9 March	5.00pm Online ENTRIES CLOSE
Thursday 12 March	BOP Secondary School Athletic Championships, Tauranga Domain
Wednesday 18 March	Waikato-Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Track & Field Championships, Tauranga Domain, Tauranga
Saturday-Sunday 28-29 March	North Island Secondary Schools Athletics Association Championships, Massey Park, Papakura
Zone Contacts	Host School Sport BOP Advisor Luke Frame lukef@sportbop.co.nz WBOPSSAA Event Coordinator John Tylden tylden@xtra.co.nz
School Team Managers:	Each school is to nominate a Team Manager who is NOT to be an Official
Event Day Thursday 12 March	9.10 am Managers/Officials briefing. ALL ATHLETE SCRATCHINGS for LANED track events to be declared at TIC by 9.30am. Events begin at 9.30 am - please refer to Programme for Order of Events
Postponement/Cancellation	Any cancellation notice will be made first thing on the morning of the championships at sportbop.co.nz and Team Managers will be notified through email. It is extremely unlikely this will occur.
Entry Fee:	Entry fees for Bay of Plenty zone are \$5.00 per athlete Following the championships schools will be invoiced with only those who participated being charged. Do not pay until an invoice is emailed to you.
Conditions of Entry	Schools may enter three [3] competitors in each event except HJ [2]. An athlete may be entered for a maximum of four [4] events plus the relay . An athlete can run a maximum of two [2] track events over 200 metres. Junior athletes are restricted to two [2] of the three [3] sprint races. All athletes must wear correct school sports uniform. Officials will be asked to enforce these rules
Age Groups	As at 31st December 2026. Junior/ Junior Para Under 15 years Intermediate/ Intermediate Para Under 17 years Senior/Senior Para Under 20 years (ORS funded Para Under 22)
EVENTS: Events Not Held at BOP Champs	Hammer, Pole Vault, Walks, Steeplechase and long-distance hurdle events will not be held at this meet. Managers must Enter athletes who wish to compete in the above events at the WBOPSSAA Regionals direct through the Online Entries portal available for the WBOPSSAA Championships at Events Athletics Waikato & Bay Of Plenty . The WBOPSSAA Championships are on WEDNESDAY 18 March at Tauranga Domain, Tauranga. Zone records for these events can be established at the WBOPSSAA meeting.
Timed Finals 100m/200m/300m/400m & Hurdles	TIMED FINALS will be held for 100m, 200m, 300m and 400m and all Hurdles races (i.e. no heats). The timed final divisions will be seeded as much as possible

Para Athletes Events	100, 200, 400, 800, 1500, Shotput, Discus, Javelin, High Jump, Triple Jump and Long Jump. For field events these athletes will compete with the same age group of unimpaired athletes (using the appropriate para weight in the throws).
GENERAL INFORMATION	
Starts	A crouch start must be used for events up to and including the 400m. On all weather tracks starting blocks must be used for 100m, 200m, 400m and Hurdle races by athletes wearing spikes. Assistance will be given to athletes using starting blocks for the first time. Para Athletes may use a crouch or standing start (except T20 athletes wanting to set records must use blocks)..
Warming Up	This can be done using Field 2 at the Tauranga Domain. Throwing of implements must be restricted to warm up throws at the event under the direction of a throws official. Please do not use Wharepai Domain to warm up.
Spike lengths	On all weather tracks like Tauranga Domain, spikes must NOT be more than 6mm in length except for High Jump/Javelin where they maybe 9mm.
First Aid	It is strongly recommended that all athletes wear some type of footwear on the track to prevent blisters. Each School's own first aid kits should be made available for minor injuries for their own student athletes. Schools are to bring their own icepacks for injuries. School should prepare their athletes with advice for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ SUN protection ✓ HYDRATION
Officials (staff)	Most schools will be allocated events to officiate. Thank you for your support. We have recommended the number of Staff and Student Helpers needed but if you wish to have a break or support your athletes, we advise you add another adult official to your team.
Food and Refreshments	Officials & Team Managers will be provided with morning tea and lunch. Athletes/Spectators: Food and refreshments available for purchase
Waikato Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Athletics Association Championships Wednesday 18 March 2026 Tauranga Domain, Tauranga	Qualifying Process The first six [6] place getters from the BOP Champs will qualify for the WBOPSSAA Regional Championships. If an athlete does not finish in the top 6 but is of a suitable standard to compete at the WBOPSSAA Championships a 7 th athlete may be entered with the approval of WBOP Secondary School Athletics Association Secretary Ange Russek . Please email all requests to Ange Russek angelar@stpeters.school.nz Dispensation requests to enter the WBOPSSAA championships for any athlete/s who did not compete at the zones (eg. injured, sick, another obligation) must be emailed by the athletes sports coordinator/person in charge of athletics to Ange Russek angelar@stpeters.school.nz Check Events Athletics Waikato & Bay Of Plenty for WBOPSSAA Championships information.



Bay of Plenty Schools

SCHOOL	CODE	UNIFORM
ACG Tauranga	ACGT	Blue, teal and yellow
Aquinas College	AQUI	Navy Blue, Gold and Green
Bethlehem College	BTHC	Red, Royal top, Navy shorts
Edgecumbe College	EDGC	Red and Black top, Black shorts
John Paul College	JPCR	Red, Black, White
Mount Maunganui College	MTMA	Red and Black
Murupara Area School	MURU	Royal Blue, White
Opotiki College	OPOT	Green, Blue, White, or Blue shorts
Otumoetai College	OTUM	Green and White top, green shorts
Papamoa College	PAPA	Orange and Blue
Rotorua Boys High School	ROTB	Red Singlet blue sash red shorts
Rotorua Girls High School	ROTG	Maroon navy band black shorts
Rotorua Lakes High School	ROTL	Navy gold teal panels navy shorts
Tauranga Boys College	TRGB	Blue singlet, blue shorts
Tauranga Girls College	TRGC	Blue singlet and Black shorts
Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu	TAOP	Green, Yellow top
Te Kura Kaupapa Te Koutu	TKTK	Blue, Yellow and Red
Te Puke High School	TEPU	White top, maroon trim, maroon shorts
Te Whanau a Apanui Area School	TWAA	Gold, Black, White tops and shorts
Te Wharekura o Mauao	TWMA	Grey top and green shorts
Tarawera College	TARA	Navy Blue, gold trim
Tauhara College	TAUH	Navy singlet with gold navy shorts
Taupo-nui-a-Tia College	TAUP	Green singlet and shorts, red vertical strip
Tongariro High School	TONG	Blue, white gold
Trident High School	TRID	Sky or Blue top, black shorts
Western Heights High School	WHHS	Blue and white
Whakatane High School	WHAK	Yellow top, black shorts

Notes to Manager:

- For All Information for Competitors including Athlete Event Specifications, Implements, Qualification and Measuring Guides see [Events | Athletics Waikato & Bay Of Plenty](#) or <https://www.sportbop.co.nz/partners/secondary-schools/events-and-resources/>.
- **Athletes cannot cross the grassed infield.** They are to walk around the perimeter of the track to access their competition area.
- You must enter your relay teams with runners names at TIC before lunchtime on the day of the event
- The programme will start on time - no provision will be made for latecomers to events
- Please bring rubbish bags to collect your own athletes rubbish and take the bags with you for disposal. Please help with ensuring the stadium and grandstand is left in a tidy state.
- In field events competitors are entitled to three trials. The **six** competitors with the best performances after three trials will be allowed three extra attempts.