

Thames Valley Secondary Schools Zone Athletics Championships

Wednesday 11 March 2026 – Paeroa Domain

Host School: Whangamata Area School

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

Timeline	
Wednesday 4 February	Entry information to schools: See Events Athletics Waikato & Bay Of Plenty and scroll down and click on March 11 WBOP Secondary Schools Thames Valley Zone and select the link you require
Friday 6 March	5.00pm Online ENTRIES CLOSE
Wednesday 11 March	Thames Valley Zone Athletic Championships, Paeroa Domain
Wednesday 18 March	Waikato-Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Track & Field Championships, Tauranga Domain, Tauranga
Sat-Sun 28-29 March	North Island Secondary School Track & Field Championships, Massey Park, Papakura
Zone Contacts	Jennifer Taylor, Whangamata AS jennifert@whangamata.school.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 Wednesday 11 March	9.15 am: Managers/Officials briefing All athletes scratching from laned events to be declared to TIC 9.30 am: Events begin - refer to Timetable for Order of Events
Postponement/Cancellation	Any cancellation notice will be notified to schools first thing the morning at https://athleticswaikatobayofplenty.org.nz/ . It is extremely unlikely this will occur
Entry Fee:	Entry fees for Thames Valley zone are \$4.00 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. 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 Thames Valley Zone	Hurdles, Hammer, Pole Vault, Walks and Steeplechase events will not be held at the Thames Valley Zone meet. Managers must enter athletes who wish to compete at the WBOPSSAA Championships on Wednesday 18 March in the above events 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 the above events can be established at the WBOPSSAA Championships.
Timed Finals 100m/200m /300m/400m	TIMED FINALS will be held at Thames Valley Zone for 100m, 200m, 300m and 400m (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	
Points	The points system that is used for this event is 1 st = 40; 2 nd = 30; 3 rd = 20; 4 th = 10. For the relays, points will be doubled

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Starts	A crouch start must be used for events up to and including the 400m. Starting blocks are optional. Assistance will be given to athletes using starting blocks for the first time. Para Athletes may use a standing start.
Warming Up	All warming up must be done on the grass area at the eastern end of the ground between the track and the trees. Throws can only occur at the event site under the control of the officials.
Spike lengths	The maximum length of spikes must not be more than 9mm except for High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump and Javelin where they may be 12mm. Safety is urged for non-laned track events at grass track venues
First Aid	<p>It is strongly recommended that all athletes wear some type of footwear on the track to prevent injury.</p> <p>Each School's own first aid kits should be made available for minor injuries for their own student athletes.</p> <p>Schools are to bring their own icepacks for injuries.</p> <p>School should prepare their athletes with advice for SUN Protection and HYDRATION. There will be no St Johns onsite. The medical Centre will be notified of the event in case of serious injury</p>
Officials (staff):	All 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 would advise you add another adult official to your team.
Food and Refreshments	Officials and Team Managers will be provided with morning tea & lunch. Athletes and Spectators: Kotuku Collective and Spot On Ice Cream Kotuku will be selling a range of food and drinks, including coffee etc.
Waikato- Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Track and Field Championships Wednesday 18 March 2026 Tauranga Domain, Tauranga	<p>Qualifying Process</p> <p>The first four [4] place getters will qualify for the WBOPSSAA Championships. If an athlete does not finish in the top 4 but is of a suitable standard to compete at the WBOPSSAA Championships a 5th athlete may be entered with the approval of the WBOPSSAA Secretary Ange Russek . Please email all requests to angelar@stpeters.school.nz</p> <p>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</p> <p>Check Events Athletics Waikato & Bay Of Plenty for WBOPSSAA Championships information.</p>

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Notes to Manager:

- For All Information for Competitors including Athlete Event Specifications, Implements, Qualification and Measuring Guides see [Events | Athletics Waikato & Bay Of Plenty](#)
- You must enter your relay teams with the meet manager before lunchtime on the day of the event
- **Centre of track** to be kept as clear as possible – **NO** spectators in the Centre of the track. Athletes in Centre at Field sites must be sitting down at event site. **Athletes cannot cross the grassed infield.** They are to walk around the perimeter of the track to access their competition area.
- The programme will start on time - no provision will be made for latecomers to events
- Rubbish bins are provided but please bring rubbish bags to collect your own athletes waste. **Please help with ensuring the stadium 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.
- This athletics meeting finishes at the completion of the relays. All athletes are asked to remain on site to support the relay runners.

SCHOOLS in THAMES VALLEY ZONE

SCHOOL	CODE	UNIFORM
Coromandel Area School	CORO	Black and gold
Hauraki Plains College	HAUR	Black Shirt with White Print Black Shorts
Katikati College	KATI	Yellow Shirt, Black Shorts
Matamata College	MATA	Maroon and Gold
Mercury Bay Area School	MERC	White shirt with blue band Blue shorts
Morrinsville College	MORR	Blue singlet, Gold Shorts
Paeroa College	PAER	Green and Gold Shirt Black shorts
Te Aroha College	TEAR	Maroon and yellow
Te Kauwhata College	TEKC	White, Green and Red
Te Kura o Manaiā	MANA	
Thames High School	THAM	Yellow and Royal Blue
Waihi College	WHIC	White shirt, Black shorts
Whangamata Area School	WHGM	Green shirt, Green or black shorts