Waikato & Bay of Plenty
Secondary Schools Athletics Championships

Wednesday 18 March 2026 – Tauranga Domain, Tauranga

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

Timeline:	
February 23 2026	Event information available for schools. See Events | Athletics Waikato & Bay Of Plenty and scroll down and click on March 18 WBOP Secondary Schools Track and Field Championships and select the links you require. Your online entries link is https://entries.co.nz/o/wbopssregionals2026/
Sunday 15 March 5.00pm	**ONLINE ENTRIES CLOSE** **REQUESTS for DISPENSATIONS CLOSE**
Wednesday 18 March	Waikato-Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Track & Field Championships, **Tauranga Domain, Tauranga**
Sat-Sun28-29 March	North Island Secondary School Track & Field Championships, **Massey Park, Papakura**
Team Managers:	Each school is to nominate a Team Manager who is **NOT** to be an Official
Event Day:	9.00am Managers/Officials briefing **ALL SCRATCHINGS for LANED** track events to be declared at TIC 40 minutes before the event start time. 9.25am Events begin (except Hammer 8.30am) - please refer to Timetable for Order of Events
Postponement:	Any cancellation notice will be notified to schools first thing the morning and via the Athletics WBOP website. It is extremely unlikely cancellation will occur.
Entry Fee:	WBOPSS Track and Field Championships entry fees 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.
Gate Charges:	There are no gate charges. Costs will be covered by the athletes entry fees.
Conditions of Entry:	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 the 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 Zones**	**Hurdles, Hammer, Pole Vault, Walks** and **Steeplechase** events may not have been held at your Zone meet. Managers must Enter athletes who wish to compete in the above events at the WBOPSSAA Championships direct through the Online Entries portal available for the WBOPSSAA Championships at Events | Athletics Waikato & Bay Of Plenty . Pole Vault will not be held at the WBOPSS championships this year but competitors can indicate their interest in competing at the NISSAA championships.
Timed Finals **100/200m/300m/400m &** **Hurdles**	**TIMED FINALS** will be held for 100m, 200m, 300m/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, 300/400, 800,1500, Shot Put, Discus, Javelin, High Jump, Triple Jump and Long Jump. For field events these athletes will compete with the same age group of non para 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 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	All initial warming up for track events must be done on the grass area outside of the competition arena to the northeast of the stadium but can be completed on the track. There are to be no warm up throws except under the control of officials at the event.
Spike lengths	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. First aid support is available at the First aid tent beyond the finish line. Schools are to bring their own **icepacks** for injuries. School should prepare their athletes with advice for ✓ **SUN** protection ✓ **HYDRATION**
Officials (staff):	Local schools will be allocated events to officiate by the Local Organizing Committee.
Food and Refreshments	Some food and refreshments including coffee and real fruit ice cream will be available for athletes and spectators to purchase.
Waikato Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Regional Track and Field Championships	**Qualifying Process** for the WBOPSSAA Regional Championships The first **five [5]** place getters from the Central Zone qualify. The first **six [6]** place getters from the Tauranga BOP Zone qualify The first **four [4]** place getters from the Thames Valley Zone qualify The first **three [3]** place getters from the King Country, Northwest & South Waikato Zone qualify If an athlete does not finish in the qualifying positions but is of a suitable standard to compete at the WBOPSSAA Regional Championships they may be entered with discretion and approval of WBOP Secondary School Athletics Association Secretary Ange Russek . Please email all requests to Ange Russek angelar@stpeters.school.nz **Dispensation** for any athletes **unable to represent their School at their Zone** and who wish to compete at WBOPSSAA Championships must apply by contacting Ange Russek . Please email all requests to Ange Russek angelar@stpeters.school.nz
Waikato - Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Regional Team for NISS Track and Field Championships	**QUALIFICATION FOR NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS:** There is a very short turnaround before this event so please ensure that top three place getters (and the fourth placegetter if they have achieved the selection standard in an event) confirm they are available to compete

Saturday & Sunday 28-29 March Massey Park, Papakura	for the Waikato Bay of Plenty team at the North Island Secondary School Championships (NISS) by completing an online registration at the following link: **https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIXDtFB9arZ-b67WhOErGMBG1T2OEDox2-5XLmucG70GYhCw/viewform?usp=preview** North Island team managers will be based at the St Peter's tent near the finish line and available to answer questions.
CONTACTS	**WBOPSSAA Secretary: Ange Russek St Peter's School angelar@stpeters.school.nz - 07 827 9899 ext 490**

Notes to Managers:

- For **All General Information** for Competitors on Athlete Event specifications see the link below: 2025-2026-Summer-Handbook-V3.pdf
- You must enter your qualifying 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.
- The programme will start on time - no provision will be made for latecomers to events
- In field events competitors are entitled to three trials. The **six** competitors with the best performances after three trials may be allowed three extra attempts depending on time available.
- There is a grandstand for shelter.
- **Council rubbish bins provision is limited. Please bring rubbish bags to collect your own athletes rubbish and take the bags with you for disposal. Please help with ensuring the grounds and grandstand are left in a tidy state.**