



Colgate Games

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY – ATHLETES

Updated as of Wednesday 20 August 2025

1. MEETING DATES 9th, 10th, 11th January 2026 (North Island Games – Tauranga)
16th, 17th, 18th January 2026 (South Island Games – Nelson)

2. VENUE North Island – Tauranga Domain, Tauranga
South Island – Saxton Fields, Nelson

3. MEETING TIMES

NORTH ISLAND GAMES

Thursday immediately prior

Grounds open for inspection 2.00pm
Athletes Assemble by..... 5.00pm
March Past..... 5.30pm
Opening Ceremony.....6.00pm
Officials Meeting7.00pm

DAY ONE

Team Managers Meeting..... 7.45am
Gates Open..... 7.00am
Competition begins..... 9.30am

DAY TWO

Gates Open..... 7.30am
Competition begins..... 9.00am

DAY THREE

Gates Open..... 7.30am
Competition begins..... 9.00am

SOUTH ISLAND GAMES

Thursday immediately prior

Grounds open for inspection 2.00pm
Athletes Assemble by 5.00pm
March Past..... 5.30pm
Opening Ceremony.....6.00pm
Officials Meeting7.00pm

DAY ONE

Team Managers Meeting..... 7.45am
Gates Open..... 7.00am
Competition begins..... 9.30am

DAY TWO

Gates Open..... 7.30am
Competition begins..... 9.00am

DAY THREE

Gates Open..... 7.30am
Competition begins..... 9.00am

4. ELIGIBILITY

- Domiciled Athletes

- Any financial (2025/26 season) athlete up to the age of 14 years, who is a member of an Athletic Club in New Zealand and is registered with Athletics New Zealand; and International Athletes registered within their member federation.
- An athlete may compete for one Club only at anyone Meeting.
- No entry (Individual or Relay) will be accepted from athletes from 'Umbrella Clubs' or District/Area Composite Groups.
- **International Athletes**
 - Athletes who are normally domiciled outside of New Zealand are deemed to be international athletes for the purposes of the Colgate Games.
 - This applies regardless of whether they have registered with a New Zealand athletics club or are participating in the domestic track and field season within New Zealand.
 - International athletes must enter the Colgate Games using the International Entry Form available via the Athletics New Zealand website [[North Island Games International](#) & [South Island Games International](#)], and ensure they are assigned an appropriate four-letter code for Meet Manager purposes.

5. GRADES

- Athletes must be aged 7 to 14 years inclusive, as of 31 December in the year prior to the Colgate Games. For example, for the 2026 Colgate Games, eligible athletes must be born between 1 January 2011 and 31 December 2018.
- No exceptions or dispensations will be granted for athletes outside of this age range to register or participate in the games.
- Athletes may only compete in events in their own grade, except for relays where clubs can promote competitors up grades if they are not already in a relay team. For athletes to run up an age, athletes within the **existing age group must be exhausted first**. Only then can clubs use their next best eligible option from a lower age group who is not already in a team. Grades 7-9 can run up within these age grades, for example a 7-year-old may run in a Grade 9 relay and Grade 10-14 can run up within these age grades. Grade 7 and 8 athletes are NOT generally permitted to compete in Grade 10 and above. Grade 9 athletes are permitted to compete up in Grades 10 and 11 in the 4x100m relays and at the discretion of the Competitions Director compete in Grade 12-14 relays. The Entries Manager (prior to entries closing) and Competition Director (at the games), at their discretion, may allow nine-year-olds to compete up in grades 12-14 where if they did not a team would not be able to compete. They will need to comply with the Grade 10+ starting rules in these relays and under no circumstances will they run the 400 or 800 leg of the medley relay.

6. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF EVENTS

An athlete may enter a maximum of five individual events. As well, they may only be entered into one relay of each type (4 x 100m relay or medley relay).

7. PROGRAMME

The draft event programme is set out below, which shows event only. The order and timing will be finalised once entries have closed. Athletes should check the programme to ensure adequate recovery and minimal clashes.

DAY ONE - Morning	DAY ONE – Afternoon
Girls / Boys 400m Heats Grades 12, 13, 14	Girls / Boys 400m Finals Grade 12, 13, 14
Girls / Boys 800m Heats Grades 10, 11	Girls / Boys 800m Finals Grade 10, 11
Girls 200m Heats Grade 10, 11	Girls / Boys 4 x 100m Relays Heats Grade 10,11
Girls Long Jump Grade 8, 12, 14	Medley Relays Grade 12,13,14
Girls High Jump 10, 11	Girls 200m Grade 7,8,9

Girls Shot Put Grade 9, 14 and Para Girls Discus Grade 13 Boys 100m Heats Grade 10, 11 Boys Long Jump Grade 8 Boys High Jump Grade 12 Boys Shot Put Grade 9, 14 Boys Discus Grade 7, 10, 11 and Para Boys 60m Grade 7, 8, 9 Girls/Boys 1200m Race Walk Grade 12 Girls/Boys 1600m Race Walk Grade 13 Girls/Boys 2000m Race Walk Grade 14	Girls 200m Semis, Finals Grade 10, 11 Girls Long Jump Grade 13 Girls Shot Put Grade 11, 12 Girls Discus Grade 7 Boys 100m Hurdles Heats, Finals Grade 14 Boys 100m Semis, Finals Grade 10, 11 Boys 4 x 100m Relays Grade 7,8,9 Boys Long Jump Grade 14 Boys Discus Grade 12 Girls/ Boys 80m Hurdles Heats, Finals Grade 12, 13, Girls 80m Hurdle Grade 14 Heat, Final Boys High Jump Grade 13
DAY TWO - Morning Girls 100m Heats Grade 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Boys High Jump Grade 11 Girls High Jump Grade 13 Girls Discus Grade 8, 11, 12 Boys 200m Heats Grade 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Boys Long Jump Grade 9, 10, 13 Boys Shot Put Grade 7, 13 Girls/Boys 1500m Grade 10, 11, 12,13, 14 Girls Long Jump Grade 10	DAY TWO – Afternoon Girls / Boys 4 x 100m Relay Grade 10,11,12,13,14 Boys Discus Grade 8 Girls 100m Grade 7, 8, 9 Girls 4 x 100m Relay Grade 7, 8, 9 Girls Shot Put Grade 7 Girls Discus Grade 10 Boys 200m Finals Grade 7, 8, 9 Boys 200m Semis, Finals Grade 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Boys Discus Grade 14 Girls High Jump Grade 14 Girls 100m Semis Grade 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Girls 100m Finals 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Boys Shot Put Grade 12 Girls Long Jump Grade 9
DAY THREE - Morning Girls / Boys 400m Heats Grade 10, 11 Girls / Boys 800m Heats Grade 12, 13, 14 Girls 200m Heats Grade 12, 13, 14 Girls Discus Grade 14 Girls Long Jump Grade 7, 11 Girls High Jump Grade 12 Girls Shot Put Grade 13 Girls Discus Grade 9 Boys 100m Heats Grade 12, 13, 14 Boys 100m Grade 7, 8, 9 Boys Long Jump Grade 7, 12 Boys High Jump Grade 14 Boys Shot Put Grade 8, 10, 11 Girls/Boys 1200m Race Walk Grade 10, 11	DAY THREE – Afternoon Girls / Boys 400m Final Grade 10, 11 Girls / Boys 800m Final Grade 12, 13, 14 Medley Relays Grade 10, 11 Girls / Boys 4 x 100m Relay Grade 12, 13, 14 Girls 60m Grade 7, 8 ,9 Divisions Girls 200m Semis, Finals Grade 12, 13, 14 Girls Shot Put Grade 8, 10 Boys Long Jump Grade 11 Boys High Jump Grade 10 Boys Discus Grade 9 Boys 100m Semis, Finals Grade 12, 13, 14

8. METHOD OF ENTRY

An online entry system will be the only way to enter. The details will be sent to Clubs and registered members directly and can also be located on our website here [[North Island Games](#) & [South Island Games](#)]. Payment of entry fees must be paid at the time of registration via the methods provided (debit and credit card). Full details will be available on the entry site.

Entry registrations (name, club, grade and events entered will be shared with clubs for the use of forming relay teams and to inform them of numbers attending to enable them to allocate sufficient Team Manager/s to attend the games.

9. ATHLETES WISHING TO COMPETE IN RELAYS ONLY

Should an athlete wish to compete in relays only, it remains a requirement that an individual online entry form be completed on their behalf. Within this form, the 'Relay Only' option must be selected. Please note that no individual entry fee is applicable in this instance. Submitting the entry ensures that the athlete receives a personalised bib and competition number, which grants complimentary access to the event venue and entitles them to a competitor's ribbon.

10. PARA ATHLETES

Athletes in Grades 10 – 14

Athletes in grades 10 - 14 with a Physical, Intellectual or Visual impairment wishing to compete against others with an impairment at a regional, national or international athletics event must have at least a Provisional Para athletics classification.

Classification is a unique and integral part of all sports in the Paralympic Movement (Para Sports). Classification will determine who is eligible to compete in Para athletics and it groups the eligible athletes into sport classes according to their activity limitation in the sport.

If you are entering an athlete with a disability, they must hold either,

- A current Provisional Classification,
- A current National or International Classification, or
- Apply for a provisional classification AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND NO LATER THAN FIRST WEEK IN DECEMBER.

To apply for a provisional classification, or for more information on the classification process, please contact rebecca@athletics.org.nz.

Para athletes will have a track classification (T) and/or a field classification (F). The following track and field classifications relate to the following impairments.

- T11 – T13 and F11 – F13 Visual Impairment (VI)
- T20 and F20 Intellectual Impairment (II)
- T32 – T38 and F31 – F38 Cerebral Palsy and Neurological Impairments (CP)
- T40 – 41 and F40 - 41 Short Stature (SS)
- T42 – T47 and F42 – F46 Amputees and Other Impairments (AO)
- T51 – T54 and F51 – F57 Wheelchair and throwing frame user (WC)
- T61 – T64 and F61 – F64 Athletes who compete using prosthetic lower limbs (PL)

Provisional Classification

Provisional classifications are temporary classifications allocated to an athlete and are valid until such time the athlete can be classified by a National Classification panel; or for a maximum of four years until such time they leave school. A provisional classification may be subject to change upon National Classification assessment by the sport's specific classification panel.

Competitions

Medals for para-athletes (10 to 14 years) will be awarded based on percentage of the NZ Senior record.

Mixed classification events will be held (i.e. all classifications compete together for each age grade). Medals will be awarded for each para events in each age grade.

Athletes in Grades 7 – 9

Athletes in grades 7 - 9 with a Physical, Intellectual or Visual impairment are not required to undergo classification. These athletes are to be entered through the standard entry processes and will be put into their chosen event/s accordingly. **There are no separate para events for these age grades.**

For further information on Para athletics please contact Athletics NZ Para Lead Raylene Bates on raylene@athletics.org.nz or 021895400.

For further information on Classification please contact the Athletics New Zealand Classification Coordinator, Rebecca Foulsham, on rebecca@athletics.org.nz or 021 0223 7776.

11. TRANSGENDER ATHLETE GUIDELINES

Children under the age of 12

Participation opportunities for children aged 12 are available to foster competition in fun and social environment, with participation and achievement at the core. When considering the participation of a transgender child in an Athletics NZ event, primary consideration should be given to the Human Rights Act 1993 section 49(2)d, which states that individuals under the age of 12 may participate in which ever gender they affiliate with. Athletics NZ member clubs and associations are encouraged to be inclusive and encourage participation of transgender children in athletics events.

However, athletes are unable to switch gender participation categories during the course of a season, i.e. an athlete cannot participate in boys' competition one weekend, and then participate in girls competitions the next weekend. Transgender children may be ineligible for regional titles and records, should these exist. The privacy of the child and their family/whanau is of primary consideration, and administrators are encouraged to contact Athletics NZ should they require any support or guidance.

Children and teenagers aged 12-14

Athletics NZ recognises that participation opportunities become more competitive for this age group, but encourage that,

- All cases should be considered on individual merit
- Including the student within the sporting competition with which they gender identify be permitted provided event organisers are satisfied that due consideration of the issues described here provide no cause for concern
- Unfair advantage – the nature of sport means that the physical capabilities of some participants may advantage a particular group.
- Current stage of the young person in the gender transformation process.

It is at this level of participation that a transgender athlete may choose to contact Athletics NZ to participate in regional or national competition in the gender to which they identify. The process for this is outlined below and aligns with World Athletics guidance. Athletes under the age of 16 will require parental and/or whanau support and permission, as this process could involve the sharing of medical records with an Athletics NZ appointed Medical Advisor, and The Sport Integrity Commission NZ.

The privacy of the young person and their family/whanau is of primary consideration, and administrators are encouraged to contact Athletics NZ should they require any support or guidance.

12. INTERNATIONAL ENTRIES

For any international entry queries please contact Athletics New Zealand via email trackandfield@athletics.org.nz. International Entries will still be completed via our online entry system. However, they will need to set up an account or continue through as a guest. Note by setting up an account you will have access to your registration for the games.

13. ENTRY CLOSING DATE (Individual and Relay Entries)

Entries close at 12:00am (midnight) on Sunday 16th November 2025.

***Note no late entries will be accepted, due to strict supplier deadlines and business shut down over the summer.**

14. ENTRY FEES

Event Type	NZ Club Athlete/Team	International Athlete/Team
Individual Event	\$9.50 per event	\$12.00 per event
Relay Team	\$25.00 per team	\$30 per team

Payment of all entry fees (plus programmes, Colgate t-shirts) to be completed at time of entry. (Details of options will be on the entry site). Processing and administration fees are included.

Note: Spectator tickets are available for purchase separately. Details to be provided in Athlete Entry Confirmation Email and Athletics NZ website.

15. REFUND POLICY

If you withdraw from an event after entries close for the 2026 Colgate Games, there is a strict NO REFUND policy from this date. NO EXCEPTIONS. The refund policy will be applied in every case without regard to the reason for the withdrawal. Fees are not transferable from one participant to another. No refunds will be issued if events are cancelled due to events beyond the reasonable control of Athletics NZ such as, but not limited to adverse weather conditions, epidemics (including but not limited to measles and Covid-19), natural disasters, unavailability of venue and so on. Refunds requested prior to entries closing, will incur a \$10 NZD administration fee and must be sent via email to trackandfield@athletics.org.nz, and include the reason why entry is being withdrawn.

Please choose your Colgate merchandise carefully as no refunds for change of mind, or incorrectly purchased merchandise are offered. If you would like to exchange merchandise, you may notify via email trackandfield@athletics.org.nz within two weeks from the purchase date and it may be possible to accommodate exchanges taking into account stock levels, event timing.

If you receive damaged merchandise, you can make a claim for a refund or replacement. To lodge a claim, please send an email with a clear photo of the damaged merchandise via email on trackandfieldevents@athletics.org.nz. Please ensure that you keep hold of any damaged merchandise until advised that they can be discarded.

16. COMPETITION NUMBERS

Each child will be given two competition numbers which are to be pinned to the front and back of their singlet for the duration of the Colgate Games. Failure to do so will mean an athlete may not be able to compete. This will have the athlete's name, grade and the events they have entered. It will also act as the athlete's pass into the competition grounds for the duration of the Games. Athletes are required to wear the bib, at all times during the Meeting, except when competing in High Jump where the back bib may be removed. Non-compliance with this rule may mean disqualification. Competition numbers will

be available to the Team Managers in the Team Pack.

17. UNIFORMS

- All athletes must complete in centre approved club/team uniform.
- Details of Uniforms are to be provided by Clubs on the Online via the Team Manager/ Relay Entry Form.
- Any visible garment worn under the uniform must be black, white or the dominant colour of the uniform.
- The only visible writing allowable is the manufacturer's branding. Franchise shorts are not permissible (e.g. NRL Shorts).

18. TEAM MANAGERS

- Clubs are asked to appoint one Manager for up to 10 athletes, two Managers for 11 athletes or more. One Manager is to be designated the Senior Manager.
- Details for all Team Manager must be registered via our online portal [2026 Colgate Games Team Manager Registration Form](#).
- Team Managers once registered will automatically qualify for complimentary entry to the games. Providing that all the checks are complete and they hold a valid Athletics NZ membership, a complimentary pass will be issued in the weeks leading up to the event. This e-ticket must be presented for scanning upon entry either on a mobile device or printed out. If Team Managers do not register before tickets are issued, or you need to change your Club Team Manager you will need to contact trackandfield@athletics.org.nz for next steps.
- The designated Senior Team Manager will be the point of contact for the Organising Committee on any communications relating to the event.
- Team managers must have completed their Athletics NZ Community Coach or Community Volunteer membership application or Accredited Coach membership application before attending the Games.
- Team managers are expected to be available to all club athletes for the duration of the Games and should be in attendance throughout most of the day. This is particularly important when picking up and distributing the team pack.
- Team managers should make clear arrangements to distribute packs and athlete bibs well before Friday morning. No-one can access the venue without their bib and/or spectator pass. Please ensure all families have contact details for their club manager, these details are not available from the gate.

19. TEAM PACKS

Team Packs will be made up for Team Managers to collect after 1.00pm on the Thursday afternoon before the Games begin. They will include Relay Team Confirmation Sheets, Scratching Forms, Athletes' competition numbers, Team Manager information, discount vouchers and any products provided by sponsors.

20. TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING

This will be held in the officials' rooms on DAY ONE of competition at 7.45am. The Competition Director will address the Meeting and issue any relevant information. This will NOT be a question-and-answer session. Any queries should be addressed to the Secretary at the TIC afterwards. If you have athletes still trying to pick up passes or bibs, make sure someone else from your team is delegated to do this.

21. RELAY TEAM CONFIRMATION SHEETS

These will be issued in the Team Packs. They are to be filled out and handed to the TIC at the times specified. These forms are necessary for officials to check that the named athletes go to the correct mark. They are required to be filled out and handed to the TIC at the times specified. These forms are necessary for officials to check that the named athletes go to the correct mark.

22. OPENING CEREMONY

An Opening Ceremony will be held at each of the Games on the Thursday afternoon preceding Day One of the Competition. Details for the March Past and Ceremony will be sent via e-newsletters and directly to clubs with athletes attending. Athletes should attend in club / team uniform and are welcome to march with banners and mascots.

23. AWARDS

Grades 7, 8, 9 (for further details, refer to the Meeting Rules)

The first, second and third place getters in each race and field event division will receive a gold, silver and bronze pennant. Light Blue Finalist Ribbons will be presented to 4th to 8th place getter. The pennants and ribbons will be presented at the presentation tent.

Grades 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

The first, second and third place getters will be presented with gold, silver and bronze medals respectively. The presentation will be made by a VIP, a Senior Official, or a Member of the Organising Committee. Team Managers are asked to assist Meeting Officials by getting first, second and third place getters to the Presentation Official when requested by the Meeting Announcer. Athletes placed 4th to 8th inclusive in all track events (100m to 1500m inclusive) and field events will receive a Royal Blue "Finalist" ribbon. Track finalists, except for the Relays (4x100m & Medley), will receive their "Finalist" ribbons at the presentation tent alongside medals. Field and Relay ribbons will be awarded via the Club Envelope System run from TIC or other room used.

24. PROTESTS & APPEALS TO JURY

- Problems and queries in the first instance, should be discussed by Team Managers with the appropriate Referee or the Competition Director. If the explanation given or action taken does not satisfy the Team Manager, then he or she may lodge a formal Appeal.
- Appeals will only be accepted from Team Managers.
- Appeals must be in writing, setting out the details and grounds for the appeal and must be accompanied by a \$20 fee. A written appeal must be conveyed to the TIC within 20 minutes of the official result being posted or announced.
- A standard appeal form will be available from the TIC.
- To ensure consistency across both the North Island and South Island Colgate Games, and in recognition of the developmental nature of this children's competition, the **World Athletics Yellow Card system will not be used**. Instead, officials will provide verbal warnings and supportive guidance to encourage fair participation and learning.

25. SECURITY

The Organising Committee accepts no responsibility. Teams are responsible for their own equipment.

26. SENIOR TEAM MANAGERS SHOULD BRING THIS DOCUMENT TO THE GAMES

DISCLOSURE

I consent to (i) the recording of my and my Child's likeness and/or voice by any means (including but not limited to audio and visual recordings by television cameras and photographers engaged by ANZ or any other person) (together the Images), (ii) the use of the Images for commercial exploitation and other promotional or public relations purposes, throughout the world of the Images by any means (including but not limited to broadcast, telecast and print) by Athletics NZ or their commercial partners without compensation to me or any other person (including, recording my Child's participation in the Event and using the Images at the



venue and on vision screens). If you require your child to be excluded from the above condition, please email trackandfield@athletics.org.nz with a copy of your child's entry form. I consent to the publication of my child's name, club affiliation, grade, and events entered in a document hosted on the Athletics NZ E-Learning Portal. This document is accessible to all users with an Athletics NZ E-Learning login, its intended purpose is to support club administrators in coordinating relay team entries and managing athlete participation.

In consideration of allowing my child (Child) to participate in the Colgate Games event I acknowledge that on my own behalf and on behalf of the Child participating in the Event that my Child will participate in the Event on these terms and conditions. If I do not consent to these terms and conditions, I will not enter or register my Child for any Event in the Games.