

**TO:** All Clubs and Interested Parties,

### COVID 19 – Delta Impact

We are now in post-Olympic period in this very different world and as many of our club's prepare to transition from winter to summer mode there are several challenges facing us all which we must consider while keeping our sport functioning effectively and safely within the Covid impact shadow.

A successful AW Road Championships was staged on the weekend under COVID L.2 protocols and the Cross Country and Road Committee, and Wainuiomata Athletics and Harrier Club led by Race Director Alan Carman are to be congratulated for a successful event. The excellent participation numbers were split across the staggered race schedule to accommodate Covid protocols. Considered and careful planning along with learnings from 2020 was the key to this successful event.

General rules to follow are as we remain in level 2 are

- **Athletics can (and should) happen at Level 2, but in a way that aligns to government guidelines**
- **we want to remain good citizens, now is not the time to look at ways to 'bend' the rules!**
- **Creative thinking and planning are essential**
- **Masks, Scan in with Covid QR codes for tracing, sanitizers, social distancing and bubbles are all part of the equation to keep our community safe while active**

If your club is looking for support on operational requirements during these times, please feel free to contact the Athletics Wellington General Manager [gm@athleticswellington.org.nz](mailto:gm@athleticswellington.org.nz) for advice. There are some very valuable resources available from Athletics New Zealand which can be accessed online at the following links. Plan your level 2 scenarios **NOW**.

- [Club Support Resource for Level 2](#)
- [Athletics New Zealand Community guidelines at Alert level 2](#)

### AW MINI CLUB FORUMS

Athletics Wellington had planned to stage four mini club forums across the AW region during this September period to update you in groups of club settings on some key topics

- Athletics NZ Club Connect Conference outcomes - now postponed to November,
- Update on the review of Athletics Wellington's Strategic Plan
- Information to support clubs on creating a "Safe Environment for our Members"

While in Level 2 these forums will be put on hold, however any individual club that wishes to invite the General Manager or an AW Board member to attend any meeting for an open discussion on the above or other matters please request through the GM.

### ATHLETICS NEW ZEALAND

Athletics New Zealand are aware that post Olympics provides an ideal opportunity to stimulate the community for new members. Soon to be launched is an "Athletics for Every Body" campaign and all registered clubs will be receiving a club toolkit .

The toolkit will include the following

- How to provide positive experiences for new members
- Tips for managing your club's presence online
- Membership value proposition
- Template material for clubs to give new members

Campaign materials are

- Editable poster
- Template social media post copy
- Facebook banner, email banner, web banner, social tiles

### Athletics NZ - Notice of New Regulations

*The regulation change requiring club team managers to hold a*





# NEWSLETTER to CLUBS

## September 2021

*relevant Athletics NZ membership that includes Police Vetting has now been approved and Athletics NZ will be working positively with clubs leading into the Colgate Games to achieve good compliance.*

### ATHLETICS WELLINGTON JUNIORS

Thank you to clubs who attended the online meeting of the AW Junior Committee last week. I am pleased to confirm the following people will lead this AWJC during the 2021-2022 season.

- **Chairman** - Willy Szeto - [willys2@outlook.co.nz](mailto:willys2@outlook.co.nz)
- **Secretary** - Marshall Clark - [marshallclark21@gmail.com](mailto:marshallclark21@gmail.com)

Marshall has confirmed the Interclub 2021/22 season entry system, and registration for these Junior Interclub events is possible at this link: [2021-22 Junior Interclub season \(eventdesq.com\)](https://www.eventdesq.com)

**Junior Interclub** dates confirmed are listed below with venues and host clubs

✓ Sun 31 Oct	Junior Interclub 1	Newtown Park	WHAC
✓ Sun 14 Nov	Junior Interclub 2	Masterton	Wairarapa clubs
✓ Sun 28 Nov	Junior Interclub 3	Newtown Park	UHAC
✓ Sun 12 Dec	Junior Interclub 4	Newtown Park	Olympic
✓ Sun 20 Feb	Junior Interclub 5	Newtown Park	Karori
✓ Sun 6 Mar	Junior Interclub 6	Newtown Park	Titahi Bay
✓ Sun 20 Mar	Junior Champs Day 1	Newtown Park	UHAC (tbc)
✓ Sun 27 Mar	Junior Champs Day 2	Newtown Park	Titahi Bay (tbc)

### COLGATE GAMES – 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022 -Newtown Park

The planning is well under way with the LOC committee being led by Stacey Wilson in collaboration with Athletics NZ. The committee is also seeking help with

- volunteers and officials for each day over the weekend
- onsite medical support and physiotherapy over the weekend
- support of additional sponsorship

If you can help on volunteer or officials please contact Sheelagh Prosser [sheelaghprosser@gmail.com](mailto:sheelaghprosser@gmail.com) or go to this link to [register](#) . To assist with possible medical support or sponsorship contact the GM

### TRACK & FIELD

The Track & Field Senior Committee have held its first meeting online with a group of 12 key taking part people to help drive the 2021-22 season. We urge all clubs to have representative on this group. The key dates will be confirmed by the end of this week after representatives have given feedback. I am very pleased to announce that we have Yarride Rosario to lead this group. The GM will support with administration. Details for Yarride are

- **Chairman** – Yarride Rosario - [yarride.rosario@gmail.com](mailto:yarride.rosario@gmail.com)

For all **Newtown Park Track & Field Senior** events AW will utilise an online registration system that will enable athletes to “**Enter on the Day**” [EOTD] with a season pre-registration.

The link for the pre-registration for these events is [here](#) . By registering you will be allocated an ID competition bib number for the season for Newtown Park events except for a few events that will have Online Entry only. Register now at **NO Cost** for these summer events starting **Sat 16 October**.

### ATHLETICS WELLINGTON LEADS

The following are key the contacts for Athletics Wellington leads to help us deliver our programmes

- **COACHING** – Andrew Matsuoka-Webber – [coaching@athleticswellington.org.nz](mailto:coaching@athleticswellington.org.nz)
- **OFFICIALS** – Vaughan Oates - [v.oates@gns.cri.nz](mailto:v.oates@gns.cri.nz)
- **EQUIPMENT** – Mike Ritchie – [mpritchie@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mpritchie@xtra.co.nz)

Athletics Wellington look forward to supporting you and your clubs with Coaching and Officials courses during the season.