



NEWSLETTER to CLUBS

July 2021

TO All Clubs interested Parties,

CLUBS

A reminder to clubs that as the 2021 Under 18 National Championships were not held in Hastings in March due to COVID restrictions at the time, they will be staged in conjunction with NZ Secondary Schools Championships in December as a dual championship for ANZ registered athletes as the athletes represent their schools. ANZ will also trial an Under 16 Championships at this meeting with the Juniors section.

See link <https://nzssaa.org.nz/static/nz-tf-2021/announcement.pdf>

This is an ideal time to work with your local High schools to ensure they register their athlete with our clubs to make them eligible for both Championships.

In 2020 a new club-led model was established to support running track & field meetings for our athletics community. In 2021-22 we wish to develop this season even further with support and direction from the Athletics Wellington Track & Field committee

TRACK & FIELD COMMITTEE

The Track & Field committee will tentatively hold its first meeting during mid-August. The meeting and others to follow through the season will be a mix of face to face and Online meetings. Dates and times will be advised. It is expected each club with Senior (incl. Masters), Under 20's, Under 18's and Under 16 athletes have one representative on the T&F committee. If **each club** can ensure they have at least **one representative**, please for the committee and please notify the AW General Manager who that designated person will be.

I thank those of you who have already expressed some interest to being involved on AW Track & Field Committee for 2021 - 2022.

CALENDAR

Attached is the first draft of the **2021 -2022** calendar with key dates for major events included, within Wellington or outside the Centre

This draft is to facilitate some feedback from interested parties and clubs. We would like some feedback and thoughts on event/meeting placement and then we will bring together track & field committee to discuss all options before finalising and approving proposals.

During the **2020-2021** season there were several new initiatives tried of which were of value and I have fielded varied feedback and opinion on level of success of such initiatives. These were developed to gain greater responsibility with delivery from all clubs, which is paramount for our Track & Field programme going forward.

Also, some considerable debate and feedback have been tabled on the wish to reinvigorate a full range of Athletics Wellington T&F Championships during the season.

Attached is a draft discussion document to be adopted as general policy as recognition of events for the future AW Track & Field Championships events.

One positive is that the weekend of **12 February 2022** is likely a positive window to stage a consolidated AW Track & Field Championships.

Below are some of my personal initial thoughts to promote discussion on the Track & Field calendar and Athletics Wellington Championships for athletes Under 16, Under 18 Under 20, Seniors and Masters.



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- Grades with 10,000 metres championships be held in conjunction with The Agency 10,000m in November.
- A Mile championship be instigated as part of the Scottish Night of Miles event
- 3000 metres Steeplechase events for Seniors and M20 and W20 to be held at the Capital Classic
- Shot put Championships to be held as part of the Solar Power Meeting
- Some Twilight or mid-week meetings can be staged when required at appropriate dates and hosted by clubs
- That our AW Centre is a wide region including Kapiti Mana , Hutt Valley, Wairarapa and Wellington Central regions which provides creative opportunities for events.
- Can we create a team event or series of events to encourage regular competition?
- We need to look at including Walks and non-standard events into the season programme and multi events
- Can we be more inclusive of our Secondary School and young senior aged athletes?

Kind regards

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