

## Wellington Junior Champs – 15 and 22 March 2026

### Final Information



1. **Parking at Newtown Park** – There may be heavy pressure on car parking, and you may have to park a considerable distance away from the venue and walk. Please park only in places where it is permitted – you don't want your day to be ruined by having your car towed away.
2. **You must arrive 30-45 minutes before your event start time** - Our meeting rules allow for events to start up to 15 minutes before the published timetable. Therefore, you should arrive with at least 30 to 45 minutes to spare before the published start time, so that your athlete can get warmed up and ready.
3. **Meeting Rules** – the Championship rules are published here: [Meeting Rules](#). All participants should read these rules carefully.
4. **Shoes** – athletes of **Grade 9 and under** are **not permitted** to wear **shoes that are capable of being fitted with spikes**.
5. **Starting rules** – please note the section on false starts in section 8 of the rules and remind athletes that false starts may lead to disqualification.
6. **Club uniform and numbered bibs** – club uniforms and bib numbers must be worn during the competition. Please have your athlete wear the numbered bib that was issued to earlier in the season. If you have not competed previously in the season, or have lost your bib number, please go to the Function Room and check in with Kane Mokomoko to get a new bib number or a replacement. Those athletes who are only attending to run in a club relay team do not need to collect a bib (although we will allocate a competition number for enabling the entry process).
7. **Programme** – here is a link to the final event timetables for [Day 1](#) and [Day 2](#). They are also available on the [Athletics Wellington website Events Calendar](#) pages for 15 and 22 March.
8. **Scratchings** – please let us know **as soon as possible** if your athlete is no longer going to compete in an event, by emailing to [awjcinfo@gmail.com](mailto:awjcinfo@gmail.com) or by text message to Marshall at 021 442305
9. **Volunteers are essential** – we may face significant shortages of helpers at some event stations. If you are in the stadium and there is a call for further helpers, please volunteer.
10. **Events entered** – Parents must make sure they know the events that their athlete has entered. It is distressing for a child to be sent to the marshalling area only to be told that are not entered. If you want to confirm the events an athlete has entered, go to the [Participants](#) tab at the GameDay entry site. Use the search box to find their name, and the specific events will be shown.
11. **Track marshalling** - all athletes entered into track events must assemble at the track marshalling area first. They should NOT go directly to the start line.
12. **Heats and finals** - For many track sprint events, there will be heats followed by finals later in the day. After the heats have been completed, the list of athletes who have qualified for the final will be posted on the Function Room windows. In addition to those who have qualified, the list will also show two reserve athletes. These reserves will take the place of any athlete who has qualified but does not turn up at the marshalling for the final. If your athlete is identified as a reserve, please ensure that they are available at the time of the final – it is quite common for at least one of the athletes who have qualified to not turn up, so the reserve athlete may get to run.

Please also note that for events where heats are programmed, but insufficient athletes turn up on the day to make heats necessary, then the event will be converted to a final, and held at the time scheduled for the heats.

13. **Medals and finalist ribbons** - Finalist ribbons will be awarded in accordance with the rules. For the top-placed athletes, we will award medals at a podium as soon as possible after the event finishes. After the finish of each field event, top-placed athletes will be directed to the medal presentation area. For track event finals, there will usually be a small delay until photo-finish analysis is completed.
14. **Relay team entries** – a separate note has been issued with requirements for relay team entries.
15. **Live results** – we will be publishing live results to a mobile phone application – *Track Meet Mobile*. Many parents already find this very useful. You need to download an application and pay a small subscription for 12 months access. For more information about Track Meet Mobile see: <https://athleticswellington.org.nz/results/>
16. **Trophies and medals for the Interclub points series** will be presented on Day 1 and Day 2 – Juniors on Day 1 and Seniors on Day 2. The approximate time for these presentations is indicated in the programme of events. If your athlete has achieved top placings for their age-grade on a consistent basis throughout the season, please ensure that they are present when the trophies and medals for Interclub points are presented.
17. **Championships records** – the current AWJC Junior Championship records are published on the AW website here: [Junior Records as at Jan 2026](#). The current records will be printed on the start sheets/ field record sheets for each event, to help identify if a new record has been set. We will also run an automated process to confirm new records at the conclusion of the champs.
18. **Cancellation notice arrangements** – it is unlikely that we will cancel, and the event will definitely go ahead if there is just some rain. However, if there are extreme weather conditions, we will aim to make a decision by around 7:30am in the morning and email any cancellation to club representatives. We will aim to post on the Athletics Wellington Facebook page by 8:00am.