

Thames Valley Zone Athletics Championships

Tuesday 12 March 2024 – Paeroa Domain, Paeroa

Host School: Whangamata Area School



Event Duty Allocation for Schools

DESIGNATION	SCHOOL	#'s of Officials
Meeting Director	John Tylden	
Meet Manager	Jennifer Taylor Whangamata Area School	
Announcer	Debbie Burge Te Aroha	
Track Referee	John Tylden	
Field Referees	Joan Rawnsley, Sarah Van Marrewijk	
TRACK EVENTS		
Starter	John Tylden	1
Starters Assistant [Marshalls]	Te Kura o Manaia, Malcom Taylor	2
Photo Finish	Charles Annals	1
Bell/lap count/wind reading	Ray Wakeford	1
Runners	Whangamata Area School	4
Results	Charles Annals, Jennifer Taylor	
Recorders at Finish for non laned events	Matamata College	2
Photocopier	Jennifer Taylor	
Relay Stewards	Hauraki Plains (Start), Te Aroha (1 st Zone), Mercury Bay (2 nd Zone), Katikati (3 rd Zone)	
FIELD EVENTS		
Discus	Hauraki Plains College	2-4 people
Shotput	Te Aroha College 1, Paeroa College2	2-4 people
High Jump	Mercury Bay Area School	2-4 people
Long Jump	Katikati College	2-4 people
Triple Jump	Morrinsville College 2, Waihi College 2	2-4 people
Javelin	Thames High School	2-4 people
EQUIPMENT		
Relay BATONS	Whangamata Area School	
Food	Whangamata Area School	
Radios	John Tylden, Malcolm Taylor	
IMPLEMENTS **	Please remember to bring the equipment you require for your events e.g. tape measures, stop watches etc. – if you are unable to provide it then please try and borrow from another school. Please confirm that you have the equipment to Jennifer Taylor	

If you have a disabled athlete, make sure you bring the correct weighted equipment for them if it is different from the able athletes' equipment weight.

These numbers are a minimum guide – please feel free to bring extra help along so more regular breaks can be taken and there are extra hands for helping your team out – remember it is a long day in the sun. We will provide you with our 'how to guide' for your event but make sure people who are on field events have had some experience.

The schools that have not been assigned an event but are able to help, please assist another school where required.

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1. This meeting is conducted under the rules of the Athletics New Zealand
2. **Dress:** Competitors must compete in their school's correct athletic uniform. On all weather tracks (Hamilton and Tauranga) spikes must not be more than 6mm in length except for High Jump/Javelin where they may be 9mm.
3. **Starting:** A crouch start is encouraged for events up to and including the 400m. On all weather tracks starting blocks must be used by athletes wearing spikes for 100m, 200m, 400m and Hurdle races. Assistance will be given to athletes using starting blocks for the first time. Para Athletes may use a standing start if their impairment makes a crouch start difficult.

The starter will give **one command** 'on your marks' for all events over 400m and **two commands** for all events up to and including the 400m

- a) 'On your marks' to bring competitors to their starting location.
 - b) 'Set' to bring all competitors to the set position ready to start. When all competitors are steady in the set position the gun will be fired. Any competitor who false starts will be disqualified unless the starter determines it was not the athlete's fault. Athletes may run 'under protest' and have their disqualification reviewed by the Referee whose decision will be final
4. **Withdrawing from a Final:** Anyone who qualifies for a final and then does not compete may be ineligible for any further competition if the Referee determines there was no reasonable explanation for the failure to compete. This rule shall also apply to anyone withdrawing whilst a race is in progress or not making a genuine attempt.
 5. **Staying in your lane:** Competitors in track events, up to and including 400m, must stay in their lane at the end of the race until dismissed by the Chief Judge. You must run between the lines not on the lines - this includes relays. Competitors must stay in their lane for the first curve of the 800m.
 6. **Marshalling:** Competitors must report to the Marshals **10 minutes before the start of the event**. Failure to do this may result in disqualification.
 7. **Progression to finals:**
 - 4 heats – first 1 in each heat and the next 4 fastest qualify
 - 3 heats – first 2 in each heat and the next 2 fastest qualify
 - 2 heats – first 3 in each heat and the next 2 fastest qualify
 8. **Protests:** All protests shall be in writing and shall be handed to the Secretary within 30 minutes of the completion of the event.
 9. **Track events take precedence over field events:** Report to the field event officials first and compete if possible and then go to the track event 10 minutes before start time. Athletes may re-join the field event after track event although not necessarily in the round or height they were up to.
 10. **Timed Finals:** 200m/300m/400m will be timed finals

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11. **Event times:** The organisers will make every effort to carry through the programme in the order and at the times stated but reserve the right, should the necessity arise, to make any alterations.
12. **Non-Availability:** Managers indicate in writing an athlete's non-availability for the Waikato BOP SS Championships to the Results Coordinator by the conclusion of the day's events.
13. **Entry restrictions:** An athlete may be entered in a maximum of 4 events plus the relay. They can only run a maximum of 2 events over 200m. Junior athletes are restricted to 2 of the 3 sprint events.
14. **Hammer, Pole Vault, Walks, Hurdles and Steeplechase events:** These will not be held at the zone meet. Managers can enter athletes of a suitable standard who wish to compete in these events at the WBOPSSAA Championships via Enter Now on the WSSS website.
15. **Events for Para Athletes:** 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500, 3000, Shot put, Discus, Javelin, Triple Jump, High Jump and Long Jump. For field events these athletes will compete with their age group using the appropriate para weight in the throws.
16. **Qualifying for WBOPSS Championships:**

The **first 3 final places** in this zone qualify for the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Secondary School Athletics championships. If an athlete does not finish in the top 3 but is of a suitable standard to compete at the WBOPSSAA Championships a 4th athlete may be entered with the approval of the WBOPSSAA Secretary Ange Russek . Please email all requests to angelar@stpeters.school.nz