



Conditions of entry to an Athletics Canterbury endorsed event

Athletics Canterbury adhere to the guiding principles of the sport as determined by our international body. Our Director of Racing, John Gamblin, is responsible for ensuring all Athletics Canterbury approved events meet our required standards. Any queries re these should be directed to John in the first instance at johngam@xtra.co.nz or 027 295 8003

Runner eligibility

1. Unless otherwise noted all races approved by Athletics Canterbury are open to both registered and community runners. The latter must pay an additional fee, if set, for participation and are not eligible to win regional titles or be selected for Canterbury representative teams. Prices for community runners are on the respective websites.
2. To become a registered runner, an athlete must register through the Athletics NZ Clubnet member management system under the auspices of their chosen club.

Race entries

1. Community runners & teams should enter via the event websites.
2. Club entries should be done via their club secretary unless otherwise advised on the event website.

Health and Safety

- All participants in an Athletics Canterbury aged 12 years, 3 months and older must have a valid vaccination pass. All runners, coaches and spectators must fully comply with any Covid protocols in place.
- All participants enter at their own risk. While the organisers take great care to keep people safe, all participants are responsible for their own safety as well ensuring their actions do not create an unsafe situation for other runners, officials, or spectators. Participants are to be aware, that there are no road closures on most courses and be always considerate of their fellow participants.

- Any instructions given by marshals/race officials and traffic management personnel must be adhered to.
- First Aid will be available at the start/finish and people are asked to seek their advice and assistance if they are not feeling well. Any participant who requires personal medication during physical activity has sole responsibility for providing this. Any participant who comes across someone who is not well must not ignore them. If the situation is serious then this participant must seek the assistance of the course marshals or dial 111.
- Any potential hazards or suspicious objects should be brought to the attention of the race officials / marshals immediately.
- In the interests of safety, no dogs are permitted in and around the course area.

Competition Rules

1. Except where race rules declare otherwise, a competitor may go over, under or through any obstacle
2. Courses will be marked with markers and / or tape fencing. Where there is a single marker, competitors can run 5m either side of the marker. Where there are double markers, competitors must run between the markers.
3. Clubs are asked to remind all runners it is best to touch someone on their back or shoulder to do a changeover in any relay – it is NOT necessary to touch hands. We would ask all runners to take responsibility for their own hygiene and suggest people bring hand sanitiser to events.
4. We are continuing with shoe chips for 2022 using the following system:
 - Clubs will be issued a box that contain the chips for people entered for that event at the start of each race. These boxes will have club name on them.
 - Clubs will be responsible for ensuring the box(es) are returned at the end of the race meeting and that these contain the full set of issued chips in numerical order.
 - Clubs will need to tell the race secretary of any missing chips they are chasing as these chips are sometimes used for other events.
 - Community runners will pick up their chips from the information desk.

Race Relay Rules

1. An athlete running more than once in the same team, will have that team disqualified
2. If an athlete runs twice in an event for different teams, then the lower/slower team will be disqualified
3. A team may run until there are no more runners, then stop
4. In all situations all individuals will be given their time/s.

Handicapping

- The handicappers use an index system to calculate the handicap an athlete will be given in a race. An index (runners time/base time) is calculated for each race unless conditions cause unreliable results (e.g. a thunderstorm).
- For a handicap event the average of these indices along with the average index for the previous season is used to determine a runner's handicap. Runners who have competed in only a few races have an index weighted towards their best index.

Age grades

Athletics Canterbury approved races follow the ANZ age group criteria for the 2022 Cross-country & Road season.

- Up until the Under 20 grade, Juniors will run in 2-year age groups from U10 through to U20 grade with ages as of 31/12/2022. For example, if a junior turns 10 on the 30th of December they must enter the Under 12 grade as they will not be Under 10 on the 31st of December.
- Masters' athletes run in 5-year age grades starting from 35 years. Masters' athlete ages are taken "on the day" so a master may move grades during a season.

Photo and moving images

- We, as the event organisers, reserve the right to use any photographs / video taken by us or our representatives at an event, without the written permission of those included within this photography / video. We may use the photograph / video in promotions, publications or other media material produced, including but not limited to brochures, emails, media, and websites.
- Should a participant not want any images used then they must advise us in advance of the event.

Privacy

In competing in an Athletics Canterbury event, participants provide Athletics Canterbury with personal information. This information will be collected and held by Athletics Canterbury and can be used by sponsors, employees, contractors, and agents associated with the event for the purposes of:

- Administering entry,
- Promoting the event, mail-outs or any other communication relating to this and other Athletic Canterbury approved events, &
- Disclosing relevant information to medical and related personnel in the event medical treatment is required during the event.