

SPORTS INFORMATION GUIDE: COMPETITION VERSION 1.1



Athletics

1.0 Competition Dates

Athletics competition for World Masters Games 2017 (WMG2017) offers each athlete the opportunity to compete in multiple disciplines at the Games, with each discipline contested on separate days.

The Athletics competition schedule for WMG2017 is as follows:

	21/4 Fri	22/4 Sat	23/4 Sun	24/4 Mon	25/4 Tue	26/4 Wed	27/4 Thu	28/4 Fri	29/4 Sat	30/4 Sun
Road (10km/Half Marathon)		0730 – 1300								
Track and Field			0830- 1745	0830- 1745	1200- 2030	0900 - 1745	0830- 1845	0830- 1730	0900 – 1730	
Cross Country										1000 – 1430

The Opening Ceremony is scheduled for the evening of Friday 21 April 2017 with the Closing Ceremony on the evening of Sunday 30 April 2017.

Tuesday 25 April 2017 is also Anzac Day – a national day of remembrance in New Zealand and Australia, which commemorates servicemen and women who have served and died, and honours those that have returned. In line with the respect and tradition afforded to this national day, any sport competition on Anzac Day will not commence until the afternoon.

All dates and times are subject to change, pending final entries received. A provisional Track and Field programme has been developed and is outlined in section 3.3 of this Guide.

We encourage athletes to register for all athletics events as soon as possible, in particular field events which are very close to capacity. Late entrants may find there are clashes in events they would like to participate in, meaning they'll need to choose one event over another. We would like to avoid this; so kindly request you register as soon as possible.

2.0 Venue Details

WMG2017 Athletics competition takes place across four competition venues, depending on the discipline. As parking is very limited at all Athletics venues, WMG2017 strongly recommends the use of public transport. For more detailed transport information for the Athletics Venues please refer to the [website](#)

2.1 Road

Venue Name	Auckland Waterfront
Events hosted	Road (Half Marathon/10K Road Race)
Venue Information	The Start and Finish area will be located at Queens Wharf, Quay Street, Auckland 1010; located right in the heart of Auckland city.
Transport Information	Public Transport See the Queen Wharf Transport Information Guide for full details

All events will be conducted on a closed road circuit. The 10km event will be a single 'out and back' course, whilst the Half Marathon will complete two laps of the course. The Para-Sport 10km event (for wheelchair athletes) will commence first to ensure safety of all athletes.

[Athletics Road Course Map](#)

2.2 Track and Field

The majority of Track and Field events will be held at the Trusts Arena venue. A couple of events (Weight Throw, Throws Pentathlon) will be held at AUT Millennium.

Venue Name	The Trusts Arena
Events hosted	All events except identified events scheduled for AUT Millennium
Venue Information	65-67 Central Park Drive, Henderson 0610; located just under 15km west of central Auckland.
Transport Information	Public Transport, Limited parking available See the website for full details

The track at Trusts Arena is a public track and available for training at any time. Please be aware that set up for WMG will start on 21 April, so there will be some restricted areas.

For health and safety reasons training for field events will be at scheduled times. A full schedule will be available on 10 April.

Venue Name	AUT Millennium
Events hosted	Throws Pentathlon, Weight Throw.
Venue Information	17 Antares Place, Rosedale 0632; located just under 16km North of central Auckland.
Transport Information	Public Transport, Limited parking available See the AUT Millennium Transport Information Guide for full details

2.3 Cross Country

Venue Name	Auckland Domain
Events hosted	Cross Country
Venue Information	The Start and Finish area will be located at Park Rd, Grafton 1023; located within 3km of central Auckland.
Transport Information	Public Transport, Limited parking available See the Auckland Domain Transport Information Guide for full details

All events will be conducted on a closed park circuit course; each lap will be 2km in distance.

2.4 Amenities

Food & beverage options / toilets / bag check / water and massage.

3.0 Medical Services

3.1 First Aid

First aid officers will be available at each of the venues during Games time, and allocated treatment areas will be clearly identifiable.

NEW ZEALAND EMERGENCY NUMBER: 111

If you are not at a Games Venue and require emergency medical support, the number to call in New Zealand is 111.

3.2 Physiotherapy and Massage Therapy

The Trusts Arena

At The Trusts Arena, physiotherapy services will be provided by Physio Rehab Group. For more information and pre games bookings see: www.physiorehabgroup.co.nz.

There will be onsite massage services at The Trusts Arena provided by Enrich Therapeutic Massage Ponsonby. For more information and pre games bookings see: www.enrichmassageponsonby.co.nz

AUT Millennium

At AUT Millennium, physiotherapy services will be provided by Healthzone. For more information and pre games bookings see: www.healthzone.org.nz.

There will be onsite massage services at AUT Millennium provided by Enrich Therapeutic Massage Ponsonby.. For more information and pre games bookings see: www.enrichmassageponsonby.co.nz

Auckland Domain

At Auckland Domain, physiotherapy and massage services will be provided by Sportslab. For more information and pre games bookings see www.sportslab.net.nz.

3.3 Physiotherapy and Massage – Find a Clinic

For participants looking for treatments or medical services outside of their Games Venue or competition the following website links are for New Zealand Registered Practitioners. Using the links below participants can enter their current location or accommodation address and find clinics located nearby.

- **FIND SPORTS PHYSIOTHERAPISTS IN NEW ZEALAND:**
<http://physiotherapy.org.nz/about-physiotherapy/find-a-physio/>
- **FIND MASSAGE THERAPISTS IN NEW ZEALAND:**
<https://www.massagenewzealand.org.nz/>

4.0 Anti-Doping

Drug Free Sport New Zealand is the recognised National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO) in New Zealand and will implement the WMG2017 anti-doping programme on behalf of the International Masters Games Association (IMGA). In accordance with the [Participation Terms and Conditions](#), all Participants are subject to the [IMGA Anti-Doping Rules](#). Participants should also be familiar with sport-specific anti-doping rules. For more information on anti-doping at WMG2017, click [here](#).

5.0 Competition Format and Rules

5.1 Competition Format

The WMG2017 Athletics competition consists of three disciplines.

All registered athletes in Athletics can compete in multiple disciplines. For example, an athlete entered in the Road event may also choose to compete in a distance event in Track and Field and/or the Cross Country event.

Each athlete can enter up to six events in Track and Field, plus one event in Cross Country and/or Road.

In line with the sport specific rules, an athlete must compete in their designated age group, with your age determined as at 22 April 2017 - the first day of Athletics competition at the Games. For example, if you turn 40 by the first day of competition, you would compete in the 40-44 age category.

If there are insufficient entries in an age category, categories may be combined in order to conduct a viable competition. The awarding of medals will not be affected, that is, individuals will still be awarded medals in the age category in which they originally entered.

5.2 Age categories

The age categories for Athletics at WMG2017 are as follows:

Individual Men:

M30 (30-34), M35 (35-39), M40 (40-44), M45 (45-49), M50 (50-54), M55 (55-59), M60 (60-64), M65 (65-69), M70 (70-74), M75 (75-79), M80 (80-84), M85 (85-89), M90 (90-94), M95 (95-99), M100 (100+)

Individual Women:

W30 (30-34), W35 (35-39), W40 (40-44), W45 (45-49), W50 (50-54), W55 (55-59), W60 (60-64), W65 (65-69), W70 (70-74), W75 (75-79), W80 (80-84), W85 (85-89), W90 (90-94), W95 (95-99), W100 (100+)

Para-Sport Men/Women:

30+, 40+, 50+, 60+

Relays: Men and Women: <160, 160-199, 200-239, 240+

For each relay team to be confirmed, four athletes need to be registered. The combined age of the four athletes determines the age category in which the relay team will compete. The cut-off date for new relay teams (subject to available competition capacity) is 3 March 2017. New people joining existing relay teams is available up to and including 31 March 2017.

Road

The 10km and Half Marathon events will be held on the same day during the Games. As such, each athlete must choose to enter at the time of registration, either the 10km or the Half Marathon only. The following Road events are offered:

Discipline	Event	Age Categories
Road	10km	Men's/Women's: All age categories
Road	Half Marathon	Men's/Women's: All age categories
Para-Sport Road	10km	Men's/Women's: 30+, 40+, 50+, 60+

The Athletics Road race schedule.

Time	Distance
0730	10K Road Race
0900	Half Marathon

[Athletics Road Course Map](#)

It is possible to register with the intention to walk in the Road events; however, as the event is conducted on public roads and permission is provided to close all or parts of those roads, there are time restrictions (shown below) after which athletes will be required to continue the event on the footpath, or for safety reasons, may be withdrawn from the event.

Event	Time Restriction
10km	Five and a half hours (5 ½)
Half Marathon	Four hours (4)
Para-Sport 10km	Five and a half hours (5 ½)

To enter in a Para-Sport event at the Games, you must be able to meet minimum disability criteria. Please review the Para-Sport Classification requirements in the [Para-Sports Information Guide](#) and where an athlete has an existing recognised national or international classification, please indicate this as part of the registration process. If an athlete is not able to meet these requirements, registration will be transferred to the open section of the competition.

5.3 Track and Field

The Track and Field event schedule follows the World Masters Athletics competition programme, however a Marathon, 10km Road Race Walk and 20km Road Race Walk will not be held at WMG2017.

Each athlete can enter up to **six** events in Track and Field.

The following Track and Field events are offered:

Discipline	Event	Age Categories
Track	100m	Men's/Women's: All age categories
Track	200m	Men's/Women's: All age categories
Track	400m	Men's/Women's: All age categories

Discipline	Event	Age Categories
Track	800m	Men's/Women's: All age categories
Track	1500m	Men's/Women's: All age categories
Track	5000m	Men's/Women's: All age categories
Track	10,000m	Men's/Women's: All age categories
Track	80m Hurdles	M70 and older; W40 and older
Track	100m Hurdles	M50 through M69; W30 through W39
Track	110m Hurdles	M30 through M49
Track	200m Hurdles	M80 and older; W70 and older
Track	300m Hurdles	M60 through M79; W50 through W69
Track	400m Hurdles	M30 through M59; W30 through W49
Track	2000m Steeplechase	M60 and older; Women's: All age categories
Track	3000m Steeplechase	M30 through M59
Track	4 x 100m Relay	Men's/Women's: <160, 160-199, 200-239, 240+
Track	4 x 400m Relay	Men's/Women's: <160, 160-199, 200-239, 240+
Track and Field	Decathlon (Men)	Men's: All age categories
Track and Field	Heptathlon (Women)	Women's: All age categories
Field	High Jump	Men's/Women's: All age categories
Field	Pole Vault	Men's/Women's: All age categories
Field	Long Jump	Men's/Women's: All age categories
Field	Triple Jump	Men's/Women's: All age categories
Field	Discus Throw	Men's/Women's: All age categories
Field	Hammer Throw	Men's/Women's: All age categories
Field	Javelin Throw	Men's/Women's: All age categories
Field	Shot Put	Men's/Women's: All age categories
Field	Weight Throw*	Men's/Women's: All age categories
Field	Throws Pentathlon*	Men's/Women's: All age categories
Track	1500m Track Race Walk	Men's/Women's: All age categories
Track	3000m Track Race Walk	Men's/Women's: All age categories
Track	5000m Track Race Walk	Men's/Women's: All age categories

* denotes events contested at AUT Millennium venue

The following Para-Sport Track and Field events are offered:

Discipline	Event	Age Categories
Para-Sport Track	100m	Men's/Women's: 30+, 40+, 50+, 60+
Para-Sport Track	200m	Men's/Women's: 30+, 40+, 50+, 60+
Para-Sport Track	1500m	Men's/Women's: 30+, 40+, 50+, 60+
Para-Sport Field	Long Jump	Men's/Women's: 30+, 40+, 50+, 60+
Para-Sport Field	Shot Put	Men's/Women's: 30+, 40+, 50+, 60+
Para-Sport Field	Javelin Throw	Men's/Women's: 30+, 40+, 50+, 60+

5.3.1 Track and Field Programme

The Track and Field Programme is now available on the Athletics Page of the World Masters Games website, please [click this link](#) to be taken directly to the document.

5.4 Cross Country

In line with sport-specific rules, your age category determines the Cross Country distance in which you can compete. The following Cross Country events are offered:

Discipline	Event	Age Categories
Cross Country	4km	M80 and older; W80 and older
Cross Country	6km	M30 through M79; W30 through W79
Cross Country	8km	M30 through M79; W30 through W79

M30 – M79 and W30 – W79 can compete in **either** the 6km or 8km event.

Confirmed Cross Country race schedule.

Start Time	Distance	Event
1000	4km	Men & Women
1030	6km	Women
1130	6km	Men
1230	8km	Women
1330	8km	Men

5.5 Para-Sport

Please refer to the [Para-Sport Information Guide](#)

6.0 Competition standards and rules

The WMG2017 Athletics event will be conducted in line with the competition rules of the International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF), International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Athletics and World Masters Athletics, or as otherwise specified in this document.

6.1 Competition seeding

There are no pre-determined qualification standards to compete in the Athletics competition at WMG2017.

To assist with competition scheduling, during the registration process, each athlete is requested where prompted to enter a 'Best' result (time, distance, score). Please provide your most recent result in this event or if you have not competed in this event before, please leave blank.

6.2 Technical Delegate

The IAAF has endorsed the appointment of Trevor Spittle (NZL) to act in the role of Technical Delegate for the WMG2017 Athletics competition. The Technical Delegate will oversee the implementation of all sport specific rules and requirements at the Games.

6.3 Starts

Masters competitors are not required to use starting blocks, a crouch start or having both hands in contact with the track for the start of any race is acceptable.

In any race, individual competitors who are charged with a false start, as determined by the starter, shall be warned. Individual competitors who are charged with their second false start in the same race, as determined by the starter, will be disqualified.

6.4 Spikes

Spikes longer than 7mm are not permitted on the track. Spikes of up to 9mm in length will be permitted for the javelin throw and high jump. Pyramid/Cone and Christmas Tree shapes are allowed. Strictly NO Needle/Pin shapes.

6.5 Advancement Rule for Track

All finals will be conducted at the times advertised for the event in the final programme.

In 1500m and under, the initial round, if required, will be seeded heats in which the top seeds shall be distributed as evenly as possible and in which members of the same affiliate shall be distributed as evenly as possible.

In 5000m and longer events, including track walks, there shall be seeded final sections and final placings will be decided on finishing times if required.

6.6 Progression

In events where heats are conducted in 100m, 200m, 400m and all hurdle events, 8 competitors will advance to the final.

1 to 8 competitors	Direct to final
9 to 16 competitors	2 heats First 3 and next 2 fastest to final
17 to 24 competitors	3 heats First 2 and next 2 fastest to final
25 or more competitors	Semi-finals will be held and progression under IAAF rules

800m - 12 competitors will progress to the final. No semi-finals will be conducted.

1500m - 16 competitors will progress to the final. No semi-finals will be conducted.

6.7 Steeplechase

There will be seeded sections and final placings will be decided on finishing time.

Competitors may hurdle or vault the barriers, or step on the top rail in a continuous motion, but they may not climb them. The hands and feet may touch top surface of the barrier only. No other part of the body may touch any part of the barrier.

6.8 Field Events

When a field event competition includes different age groups, each age group must be considered a separate competition for the purpose of deciding which competitors will advance.

6.9 High Jump/ Pole Vault

Masters competitors are allowed to touch the landing area before clearing the bar, but they cannot use the landing area to any advantage, as determined by the judge.

6.10 Hammer

Two hands must be used at all times when throwing the hammer.

6.11 Weight

Two hands must be used at all times when throwing the weight. The rule of competition shall be the same as the Hammer.

6.12 Combined Event Competitions

In all combined events, only a single attempt at each running event is allowed, and a maximum of 3 attempts is allowed in all field events, except high jump and pole vault where 3 successive invalid attempts, or voluntary withdrawal, eliminate an athlete.

6.13 Proposed Starting Heights and Weights

Proposed starting heights and weights are below. However, if an athlete cannot get at least one jump/throw in, they may discuss the matter with the referee. The Referee will determine the final starting height/weight and will explain the progressions as determined by the Technical Delegate.

High Jump and Pole Vault.

Age	High Jump		Pole Vault	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
30 - 34	1.70m	1.35m	2.20m	2.00m
35 - 39	1.65m	1.30m	2.00m	1.80m
40 - 44	1.50m	1.25m	2.00m	1.80m
45 - 49	1.40m	1.20m	2.00m	1.80m
50 - 54	1.25m	1.10m	2.00m	1.80m
55 - 59	1.25m	0.95m	2.00m	1.80m
60 - 64	1.15m	0.95m	2.00m	1.30m
65 - 69	1.00m	0.95m	1.80m	1.30m
70 - 74	1.00m	0.95m	1.80m	1.30m
75 - 79	1.00m	0.95m	1.80m	1.30m
80 - 84	0.95m	N/A	1.00m	N/A
85 +	0.80m	N/A	N/A	N/A

Hurdles & Steeplechase							
Women	Age Categories	Distance	Height	Number of Hurdles	Distance to First	Distance Between	Distance to Finish
Short	30-39	100M	.840M (33")	10	13M	8.5M	10.5M
	40-49	80M	.762M (30")	8	12M	8M	12M
	50-59	80M	.762M (30")	8	12M	7M	19M
	60+	80M	.686M (27")	8	12M	7M	19M
Long	30-49	400M	.762M (30")	10	45M	35M	40M
	50-59	300M	.762M (30")	7	50M	35M	40M
	60-69	300M	.686M (27")	7	50M	35M	40M
	70+	200M	.686M (27")	5	20M	35M	40M
Steeple	30+	2000M	.762M (30")	18 barriers & 5 water jumps			

Men	Age Categories	Distance	Height	Number of Hurdles	Distance to First	Distance Between	Distance to Finish
Short	30-49	110M	.991M (39")	10	13.72M	9.14M	14.02M
	50-59	100M	.914M (36")	10	13M	8.5M	10.5M
	60-69	100M	.840M (33")	10	12M	8M	16M
	70-79	80M	.762M (30")	8	12M	7M	19M
	80+	80M	.686M (27")	8	12M	7M	19M
Long	30-49	400M	.914M (36")	10	45M	35M	40M
	50-59	400M	.840M (33")	10	45M	35M	40M
	60-69	300M	.762M (30")	7	50M	35M	40M
	70-79	300M	.686M (27")	7	50M	35M	40M
	80+	200M	.686M (27")	5	20M	35M	40M
Steeple	30-59	3000M	.914M (36")	28 barriers & 7 water jumps			
	60+	2000M	.762M (30")	18 barriers & 5 water jumps			

Throwing Implements						
Women	Age Categories	Hammer	Shot Put	Discus	Javelin	Weight
	30-49	4.0K	4.0K	1.0K	600G	9.08K (20#)
	50-59	3.0K	3.0K	1.0K	500G	7.26K (16#)
	60-74	3.0K	3.0K	1.0K	500G	5.45K (12#)
	75+	2.0K	2.0K	0.75K	400G	4.00k (8.9#)
Men	Age Categories	Hammer	Shot Put	Discus	Javelin	Weight
	30-49	7.26K	7.26K	2.0K	800G	15.88K (35#)
	50-59	6.0K	6.0K	1.5K	700G	11.34K (25#)
	60-69	5.0K	5.0K	1.0K	600G	9.08K (20#)
	70-79	4.0K	4.0K	1.0K	500G	7.26K (16#)
	80+	3.0K	3.0K	1.0K	400G	5.45K (12#)

6.14 Failure to Participate

Athletes may be excluded from participation in further events in the competition, including relays, in cases where:

1. They confirmed for an event but failed to participate
2. Have qualified in heats, qualifying rounds etc. for further participation in an event, but have then failed to participate further in that event
3. Have failed to compete honestly, with bona fide effort

NOTE

- Referee decides if bona fide effort or not
- Provision of a medical certificate, by a medical officer approved by the organising committee, may be accepted as sufficient reason that the athlete became unable to compete after confirmations closed or after competing in a previous round, but will be able to compete in further events on a subsequent day of competition. Application must be made to the Technical Delegate through TIC.
- Other justifiable reasons may be accepted by the Technical Delegate, acceptance will be at the sole discretion of the TD

6.15 Simultaneous Entries

If entered in a track and a field event, or in more than one field event taking place at the same time, the referee may:

- For one round at a time, or of each height in high jump and pole vault, allow the athlete to take their trial in a different order from the draw
- If the athlete decides not to attempt that trial, or is not present for their trial, it will be a 'pass' once the allowable time (1 minute) for the trial has expired.

For High Jump and Pole Vault, if an athlete is not present when all other athletes who are present have complete competition, the Referee shall deem that the athlete has abandoned competition once the period for one further trial has elapsed.

6.16 Protests & Appeals

Protests must be made in compliance with IAAF/WMA rules as modified below

Protests

1. Protests concerning the status for an athlete to participate in the championships must be made to the Technical Delegate prior to the commencement of the competition.
2. Any protest regarding the competition shall be made orally to the referee by the athlete, or a person acting on their behalf, within 30 minute of the official announcement of the result. TIC can assist in locating referees. The referee may decide on this issue or refer it to the Jury of Appeal.
3. In field events, if an athlete makes an immediate oral protest against having an attempt judged as a failure, the Referee will direct that the attempt be measured and the result recorded as per IAAF rule 146.4. However, the attempt will be recorded as a fail.

Appeals

1. If an athlete is not satisfied with the Referee's decision, the athlete may appeal to the Jury of Appeal. This appeal must be submitted in writing on the official appeal form, available from TIC.

The form must be lodged with TIC within 30 minutes of the referee's decision and by accompanied by NZ\$100 which will be forfeited if the appeal is not upheld.

2. To arrive at a fair decision, the Jury of Appeal can consult all the available evidence and interview all those whom they consider necessary. The Jury will issue a written decision for each protest and it will be available at the TIC.
3. The Jury is the final right of appeal

6.17 Technical Information Centre (TIC)

The Technical Information Centres (TIC) is located:

The Trusts Arena - Southern end of track, underneath green wooden building near 100m finish line.

AUT Millennium - In main marquee on side of track.

Auckland Domain - In marquee to the right of the Grandstand.

TIC Services

TIC is the first point of contact for all enquiries regarding the athletics component of World Masters Games 2017. All athletes must report to TIC if they intend to scratch from their event. This should be done on arrival at the venue, at least two hours before your event.

TIC Services are - but not limited to - the following:

- Urgent notices and technical information such as schedule changes
- Answer general questions concerning the competitions
- Process requests for completion of regional/ affiliate record applications
- Distribute and receive relay entry forms
- Processing of Appeals to the Jury

General enquires, such as accreditation, transport and social events, should be directed the Games Information Desk based:

The Trusts Arena - In the main foyer.

AUT Millennium - In the main foyer.

Auckland Domain - Next to the Technical Information Centre, beside the Grandstand.

6.18 Call Room

All athletes competing in events starting within the stadium are required to report the Call Room prior to their event.

The Trusts Arena - Located in the white tent by the 1500m start line.

AUT Millennium - Located in the same marquee as TIC.

Auckland Domain - Marquee on the hill to the right of the Grandstand.

In the Call Room athletes will be expected to demonstrate that their competition uniform, shoes and other equipment comply with the competition rules. They will also need to show their correctly displayed WMG2017 Number.

Athletes will proceed to the start of their event from the Call Room **accompanied by an official**. Athletes who proceed to the event not accompanied by an official may not be allowed to start.

Closing Call Entry Time to the Call Room – Waitakere Stadium

(All time are prior to scheduled event starting time)

Pole Vault	70 Minutes
Discus, Javelin, Hammer, High Jump	40 Minutes
Long & Triple Jump, Shot Put	40 Minutes
Hurdles & Relays	30 Minutes
Other Track Events	20 Minutes

Closing Call Entry Time to the Call Room – AUT Millennium

(All time are prior to scheduled event starting time)

Weight Throw	30 Minutes
Throws Pentathlon	30 Minutes

These times allow for marshalling and movements to the competition site. The remainder of the time may be used to complete warm-up at the competition site, when the competition site is not in use - this is only under the supervision of the officials.

If an athlete is already likely to be competing in another event at their designated all time, the athlete, or someone on their behalf, must notify the Call Room of the prior to the designated call time.

7.0 Equipment

7.1 Starting Blocks, Spikes and Vaulting Poles

- Starting blocks will be provided. Private blocks will not be permitted.
- Crouch or block starts are not compulsory for master's competitors.
- Spikes longer than 7mm are not permitted on the track. Spikes of up to 9mm in length will be permitted for the javelin throw and high jump events.

d) Vaulters must bring their own poles unless prior arrangement is made with WMG2017. For equipment delivery information please see section 5.3 below.

Athletes intending to use poles provided by WMG2017 must advise us before 31 March 2017. Please email your name, age category and the pole you intend to use to athletics@wmg2017.co.nz

We have the following poles available for athletes to use.

PACER FX POLE 375cm/ 54kg (12.3 Foot / 120lbs)

PACER FX POLE 400cm/ 50kg (13.12 Foot / 110lbs)

PACER FX POLE 400cm/ 59kg (13.12 Foot / 130lbs)

PACER FX POLE 400cm/ 63kg (13.12 Foot / 140lbs)

PACER FX POLE 400cm/ 68kg (13.12 Foot / 150lbs)

7.2 Personal Field Equipment

- a) Competitors may use their own throwing implements provided they have been checked, approved and become part of the pool of implements for the event. If age groups are combined, only athletes in the equipment owner's age category will be able to use their equipment.
- b) For events commencing prior to midday (12pm), implements must be lodged at the Technical Room by 5pm the day before competition. For events commencing after 12pm, implements must be checked at least 3 hours before the start time of the event.
- c) Competitors are advised to bring their own water bottles and strapping tape.
- d) Individuals are responsible for the safekeeping and storage of their own equipment.

7.3 Equipment Delivery

If an Athlete would like to ship personal sports equipment to be used at the games to The Trusts Arena ahead of their arrival, follow the below process. Send sports equipment to the below address attention Mike Ocego.

The Trusts Area
C/O Mike Ocego
65-67 Central Park Dr,
Henderson,
Auckland 0610
New Zealand

All items must arrive at The Trusts Arena after Thursday 20th April 2017.

When the Athlete arrives at The Trusts Arena report to the Sports Information Desk (TIC) and request their Sports Equipment asking for Karen Hinkley.

All personal sports equipment must be off site by the end of the Athletics competition.

World Masters Games, The Trusts Arena and Auckland Athletics will treat all equipment with the respect and care it deserves but, take no responsibility for any damages whatsoever.

8.0 Clothing / Uniforms

As competitors are not representing their club, association or country, there is no requirement to wear any particular uniform. Competitors may wear their club, association or national uniform if they wish and if their club, association or country allows them to do so.

8.1 Competition Numbers and Timing Chips

Track & Field, Cross Country and Road Race will have different numbers.

Track and Field/Cross Country.

Every athlete will be provided with two numbers at the Queen Wharf Accreditation Centre. Competitors in track events and cross country must wear their numbers visibly on both the front and back of their clothing except High Jump and Pole Vault, where only one bib may be worn on either the front or back.

Road Race.

Road event athletes will be provided with a race number at the Queens Wharf Accreditation Centre. This must be worn in a visible location during the Road Race.

All Track and Field and Athletics Road Race and Timing Chips will be collected from Queens Wharf Accreditation Centre when WMG2017 packs are collected.

Cross Country competitors will collect their Race Number and Timing Chip from Auckland Domain on the day of the event.

NB - if you are only competing in Cross Country, you will still need to pick your WMG2017 pack up from Queens Wharf Events Centre but this will not contain your race number or timing chip.

9.0 Training and Practice Facilities

The track at Trusts Arena is a public track and available for training at any time prior to Saturday 21 April. From Thursday 19 April, throwing of implements is not allowed on the lower field. The upper field is for warm-up on grass only – there are no supervised throws warmups on the top field.

On Saturday 21 April, the track will be open from 1200-1400 for a race starts session.

10.0 Results

10.1 Results display

All results will be displayed on-venue on noticeboard and online via the WMG2017 website.

10.2 Medal Ceremonies

Medal ceremonies for all age categories will be held at each respective competition venue.

The medal ceremony for each event will take 30 minutes after the conclusion of each event, if no protests are lodged. Athletes place 1st, 2nd & 3rd should return to Post Event marquee once results are confirmed, they will then be escorted to the medal presentation area by an official.

If there are insufficient entries in an age category, categories may be combined in order to conduct a viable competition. The awarding of medals will not be affected, that is, individuals will still be awarded medals in the age category in which they originally entered.

10.3 World Records

No sport specific records are kept from previous editions of the World Masters Games and there is no plan to capture new records as part of World Masters Games 2017. All World Masters Games 2017 competitions will be conducted in accordance with the relevant international sport rules (or identified variations). Where an athlete competes in a sport that maintains its own international records, the athlete may be able to submit details of their result to the relevant international federation to seek endorsement of a record, in accordance with the processes established by the sport.

11.0 Anti-Doping

Drug Free Sport New Zealand is the recognized National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO) in New Zealand and will implement the WMG2017 anti-doping programme on behalf of the International Masters Games

Association (IMGA). In accordance with the [Participation Terms and Conditions](#), all Participants are subject to the [IMGA Anti-Doping Rules](#). Participants should also be familiar with sport-specific anti-doping rules.

For more information on anti-doping at WMG2017, click [here](#).

12.0 Registration / Check-in

All athletes must report to Queens Wharf Events Centre to pick up their accreditation. For more information about the accreditation process click [here](#).

At Queens Wharf Events Centre all Road Race and Track & Field athletes will pick up their event numbers and timing chips (Road Race only). The only exception is Cross Country competitors – athletes will collect their number and timing chip from TIC at Auckland Domain on 30th April from 0730. Please ensure you have picked your number up at least one hour before you race starts. Cross Country competitors must still pick their WMG2017 accreditation from Queens Wharf Events Centre.

All Track & Field athletes are required to report to The Call Room daily before every event they have entered. Please see 6.18 for details.

13.0 Insurance

It is the athlete's responsibility to secure private travel and medical insurance to cover any liabilities associated with their travel and accommodation in relation to attending or participating in their sport/event.

14.0 Further Information

All participants are encouraged to monitor the WMG2017 website at www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz and other Games communication channels to find out all of the latest information.

14.1 Enquiries

Athletics-related enquiries - athletics@wmg2017.co.nz

General enquiries - contactus@wmg2017.co.nz

12.2 Ceremonies and Social Events

The Opening Ceremony is scheduled for the evening of Friday 21 April 2017 with the Closing Ceremony on the evening of Sunday 30 April 2017.

Please follow [this link](#) for the WMG2017 Entertainment Hub programme.

12.3 Games Accreditation

Games Accreditation can be collected from the Accreditation Centre (Queens Wharf) from 16 – 30 April, 2017.

Accreditation will be required to access the Opening Ceremony, participant-only social functions and in some cases the Competition area for particular sports.

12.4 Important Documents

WMG2017 recommend that all athletes thoroughly read and print their Sports Information Guide, Transport Information Guide and any other relevant materials (i.e. Course Maps), as these materials will not be available at the Competition Venue or Accreditation Centre.

12.4 Links

[WMG2017 Website](#) - [Facebook](#) - [Instagram](#) - [Twitter](#) - [Google+](#)