

## COMPETITION BY-LAWS

### 1. GENERAL

- (a) These By-Laws are framed to give a lead to Centre Children's Committees and Clubs, as acceptable rules, practices and standards to adhere to when conducting athletic meetings involving children.
- (b) These By-Laws have evolved from discussion, remits and decisions taken at:
  - (1) a Conference on Children's Athletics, held in Wellington in 1978;
  - (2) subsequent Annual General Meetings of the New Zealand Children's Athletic Association.
- (c) Centres at present affiliated to the New Zealand Children's Athletic Association are Auckland, Canterbury, Hawkes Bay Gisborne, Manawatu Wanganui, Northland, Otago, Southland, Taranaki, Tasman, Waikato Bay of Plenty and Wellington.
- (d) Changes to these By-Laws are made by way of Remit, placed before the Association's Annual Meeting, each August, by affiliated Centres. A majority vote by the delegates will give approval to a By-Law change.
- (e) These By-Laws are put into two types: (M) Mandatory; (D) Discretionary.

### 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETES

(a) **Eligibility:**

All athletes must be registered in accordance with the Rules of Athletics New Zealand Inc.  
(M)

- (b) Centres Children's Committees to provide competition for athletes in Grade 7 to Grade 14 inclusive.  
(M)

(c) **Age Grouping - Grades:**

The age is to be taken as at 31 December in the season of competition. See the appropriate table in Appendix 1.

It should be noted that athletes whose birth-days fall between the beginning of the Track and Field season and 31 December, will not change Grades mid Track and Field season.

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(d) **Grade Patches:**

All athletes must be issued with, and wear a Grade Patch which must be securely fastened to the front of their uniform top. These are issued by Clubs, which previously draw supplies from their Centre Children's Committee. The patches are issued by the Clubs at the time of payment of Club subscriptions. The Athletes name (eg, John Smith) shall be neatly printed on the patch with a suitable black waterproof marker pen between the Age Grade Number and the sponsors name. (M).

- (e) If the Grade Patches are provided by a sponsor, care must be taken that the sponsor's name is clearly visible when the patch is fastened to the uniform top. (M).
- (f) Clauses 2(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) must be adhered to, above any local Centre arrangements regarding

registration of athletes. (M).

**(g) Transfers:**

If an athlete, registered in one Centre, transfers to another Centre during a season, NO further fee can be charged by the second Centre. The matter of the athlete's new Club's subscription is a matter for the new Club to decide. (M).

- (h) Any athlete having qualified for a semi-final or final who fails to compete in that semi-final or final becomes ineligible for further competition on that day. (M) Likewise any competitor starting in a semi-final or final and making no significant effort, could face disqualification. This decision will be the sole responsibility of the Referee. (D)

**3. EVENTS FOR CHILDREN**

**(a) Recommended Events (D)**

Grades:	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
60m	*	*	*					
100m	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
200m	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
400m				*	*	*	*	*
800m				*	*	*	*	*
1500m						*	*	*
80m Hurdles						*	*	*
100m Hurdles (Boys)								*
4 x 100m Relay	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Medley Relays				*	*	*	*	*
1200m Track Walks				*	*	*		
1600m Track Walks							*	
2000m Track Walks								*
Long Jump	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
High Jump				*	*	*	*	*
Shot Put	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Discus	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

- (b) Centres and Clubs may add to the above schedule of events, to best cater for their own needs. (D).
- (c) The above schedule of events, excluding the Medley Relays, Hurdles and Walks, shall be mandatory at any Inter-Centre Meeting, both for competition between teams representing Centres, Sub-Centres and Clubs. (M).
- (d) Any departure from these Rules, either by addition or deletion, is to be the subject of discussion between Centres/Clubs and mutual agreement reached at least one month before the proposed Meeting. If mutual agreement cannot be reached, the events scheduled in Clause 3(a), excluding the Medley Relays, Hurdles and Walks, shall be mandatory. (M).
- (e) (i) An athlete may compete in a maximum of four events, excluding relays, within a one day period. (M).  
(ii) The four events may include a maximum of three track or three field events. (M).  
(iii) Of the track events, only two may be distance, and for the purpose of these rules the 400m,

800m and 1500m races are distance events. (M).

## **SAFETY RISK MANAGEMENT**

### **(a) GENERAL**

- (i) The basic responsibility for the welfare of a child is vested with the parents/caregivers.
- (ii) A child participating in a formal manner in the sport of athletics in New Zealand, is required to do so in accordance with the IAAF Rules, supplemented by the NZCAA Administration By-Laws and Competition Rules.

### **(b) MANAGEMENT**

- (i) Each Club Committee, shall at the earliest time carry out a review of all matters bearing upon the safety of a member while attending their Club activity. The results and solution, in written form, shall be available to all Club Members, and particularly their parents/caregivers. A copy must be retained in the Club Records. (M)
- (ii) Each Centre Childrens Committee, shall at the earliest time, carry out a review of any matter bearing upon the safety of a participant attending Inter-Club or Inter-Centre activity under its jurisdiction. The result and solution, in written form, shall be available to the Clubs/Centres attending. A copy must be retained on file in the Committee records. (M)
- (iii) Other than those officiating at a review, no reference shall be made to the identity of any individual involved in a review or any report thereof. (M)

## **APPENDIX 1**

**Table 1**

### **Age Grades for the 2016/17 season of competition**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Year of Birth</b>
Grade 7	2009
Grade 8	2008
Grade 9	2007
Grade 10	2006
Grade 11	2005
Grade 12	2004
Grade 13	2003
Grade 14	2002

### **Age Grades for the 2017/18 season of competition**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Year of Birth</b>
Grade 7	2010
Grade 8	2009
Grade 9	2008
Grade 10	2007
Grade 11	2006
Grade 12	2005
Grade 13	2004
Grade 14	2003