



North Island Colgate Games Auckland 2018

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On behalf of the Auckland LOC we are excited to be able to welcome you to the 40th North Island Colgate Games to be held in Auckland from 5th – 7th January 2018. Planning is well underway and as NZ's largest city we expect a great number of local, national and international athletes to take part in this event.

The Games will be held at Mt Smart Stadium, Maurice Rd, Penrose – the home of Athletics Auckland. The entire venue has been set aside to create a dynamic and entertaining experience for all athletes and their families. A tent village is being set up adjacent to the John Walker Lounge where clubs can set up and enjoy the atmosphere created for the Games. Food vendors, entertainment and activities are all being planned for this space. A limited number of gazebos will be available to clubs from outside Auckland who wish to hire them for the duration of the Games.

Our recommendations for accommodation during the Games include: Waipuna Lodge, Airport Harbour View, Greenlane Motel, Best Western Ellerslie. Auckland is filling up fast for the January holiday period so we recommend getting in quickly.

Parking will be available on site for up to 700 cars. Passes can be purchased from the souvenir shop on Thursday afternoon at a cost of just \$10 for the whole three days. Mt Smart Stadium is part of a busy industrial area and parking will be at a premium. Red Badge security will be on patrol and have been instructed that only those with passes can park onsite. Entry will be from Maurice Rd only. ([GPS coordinates -36.91733, 174.80985](#)). Please note that NO freedom camping will be available.

Our t-shirt design is with the supplier and we are excited to see it move into production. A limited number of souvenirs will be available for purchase at the Games but we recommend pre-ordering your t-shirt when you make your entry.

Mt Smart Stadium is a council owned facility and as such comes with certain restrictions. Food and drink is an area where restrictions will apply. We have negotiated entry of chilly bins so families can bring a pre-packaged lunch. Unfortunately anything in fast food bags and packages will have to be consumed off site. This includes the Tent Village. Caterers will be on site to supply coffee, cold products, greasies and a few healthy options. We have asked for a Pita Pit or Subway caravan and a pizza supplier so hopefully there will be plenty of options.

Let's make this the best Games ever. The Local Organising Committee are preparing to welcome nearly 2000 athletes and their families and we want you to be part of that number. Entries open early November, get in touch with your local athletics club and don't miss out!

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