

The Greater Wellington Primary and Intermediate Schools Sports Committee is pleased to advise that the Regional Primary and Intermediate Schools Cross Country event has been deferred until term 3, Week 8: Tues 8 September, postponement date Thurs 10 September at Harcourt Park, Upper Hutt.

Please NB the event will be organised to comply with any imposed level restrictions as directed by the government and the Ministry of Health. This may affect how the event will be organised. Due to COVID-19 pandemic these are unprecedented times and the levels are changing on a weekly basis and we ask that parents and supporters comply with any and all conditions with the organisation of this event.

Possible Scenarios

Gatherings restricted to:

(1) 10 – 100 persons :

The event will NOT Proceed.

(2) 500 persons:

- Athletes and officials ONLY will be permitted on the course. NB Officials will include school staff required to supervise the athletes but must be notified to the event organiser to assist with social tracing.
- Each association will have a set limit and number of athletes it can field in each race and it is the responsibility of each association to identify which athletes they register to race.
- NO athlete registrations will be accepted from individual schools.
- Only the registered athletes who have been invited and selected by their respective association will be permitted to race and these should have qualified through their school and association event.
- NO Year 4 athletes will be permitted to race.
- AWAD will be permitted to race (refer AWAD programme below).
- NO electronic timing will be used, top 10 placing's from each race only will be recorded.

Please NB if spectators and supporters do NOT comply with keeping off the course and grounds the event organiser may have to cancel the event. This will deny the opportunity for all the athletes to race and recognition for their achievements and possibly selection for the PSW Inter Regional Cross Country team.

(3) No Restrictions

Event will run as normal: each association will be able to field 10 athletes, per gender, for each of the races. Spectators and supporters will be allowed in the ground.

Associations will be advised by **August 18th 2020** of which scenario will apply.

***AWD programme**

Under the new guidelines for contact tracing, along with registering your student prior to the event, we also require registration of any additional support needed on the day (buddy, aide, guardian). The responsibility to adhere to hygiene and health and safety protocol presented by the host zone lies with the school and individual student. Only registered participants will be permitted to the event on the day. Any questions or concerns running up the event please raise with Jemma Drake jemmad@specialolympics.org.nz or Celia O'Driscoll celia@halberg.co.nz.

Attending Associations: Primary Sport Wellington, Lower Hutt Primary Schools Sports Association, Upper Valley Primary Schools Sports Association, South Wairarapa Primary Schools, Masterton Primary Schools Sports Association, Kapiti Schools Sports Association, Parumoana, Porirua Primary Schools Sports Association, Wellington Regional Intermediate Schools Sports Association.

School's must be a financial member of their respective association for their athletes to be eligible for selection. Athletes must comply with entry and event organisation conditions for the regional event.

Supporting organisations: Athletics Wellington, Halberg Trust, Special Olympics, Activation Upper Hutt, Upper Hutt City Council, Sport Wellington.