



North Island Colgate Games Auckland 2018

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So the countdown is on and we are slowly pulling all the strings together to create a memorable event. This newsletter contains information on parking, souvenir t-shirts, medical services, tent sites and collection of club packs.

Parking has been secured on site for up to 500 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. **If you wish to pre-book your parking passes please email maifam@xtra.co.nz to do so.** 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. For the duration of the Games NO PUBLIC PARKING will be available from the O'Rourke Rd or Beasley Ave entrances. These entrances will be reserved for appointed Officials only.

Souvenir t-shirts will be available for purchase from Thursday afternoon onwards from the souvenir shop. At a cost of just \$25 each they represent great value. Get in early as no further print runs will be done. A small selection of other souvenirs will be available but the t-shirts are our main souvenir of your time in the City of Sails.

Our athlete treatment centre will be well appointed with St John's Ambulance and Sports Lab Physio secured. Sports Lab is a multidisciplinary practice in the central Auckland suburb of Grafton. They offer a number of different services - podiatry, physiotherapy and sports massage, all of which are carefully selected and refined to meet the needs of their clients. Many of its staff are connected to athletics and came through the Colgate Games.

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Our John Walker Village is shaping up to be the place to be during the down times your athletes might have. We have some 6m x 3m marquee style tents available for hire at a cost of \$350 for the weekend. These will be put up and taken down for you, all you have to do is move in. **Please let us know if you want one as we only have about 5 left.** If your club is bringing its own gazebo please let us know so we can reserve your spot nicolgategames@nzchildrensathletics.co.nz (we won't charge you for a patch of grass!)

Club packs will be available for collection from Thursday afternoon at the souvenir shop. They will include your pre ordered programmes, gate entry wristbands and car park passes, your athlete's wristbands and Colgate supplied product. This year all spectators will be issued a wristband instead of a printed pass – It must be worn at all times in order to gain access to the competition arena.

Mt Smart Stadium is a council owned facility and as such comes with certain food restrictions. 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, ice creams, pizza, pita pit, hot chips and other tasty morsels.

Let's make this the best Games ever. The Local Organising Committee are preparing to welcome nearly 1500 athletes and their families and we can't wait to meet you all.

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