



Athletics New Zealand Track & Field Championships - U16 & U18 FAQ

1. Why was this date chosen?

Athletics New Zealand and the working group looked at multiple dates for this event. The deciding factors for combining with NZSS included the following:

- Less travel and accommodation costs for athletes, coaches, and managers
- Not adding to an already busy athletics calendar and student commitments
- Clashes with NCEA exams

2. Why have U16 been included in the Athletics New Zealand Championships?

Combining with NZSS provided the opportunity to trial an U16 New Zealand Championships, which had been under discussion for several years. If this is continued in the future an U16 age category may be added to the 2023 New Zealand Track & Field Championships calendar.

3. Will I need to pay extra to enter the Athletics NZ U18 Championships?

There will be no extra costs for athletes to enter the U16 or U18 New Zealand Championships.

4. Will there be medals for the Athletics NZ U16 & U18 Championships?

Yes, there will be medals for both the U16 & U18 age groups.

5. Will I need to be an Athletics NZ member to win a U16 or U18 medal?

Yes, you will need to be a current financial member of a club affiliated to Athletics New Zealand to be eligible to win a medal. You can find your local club [here](#).

6. Do I need to enter the NZSS Championships and the Athletics NZ U16 or U18 Championships separately?

No, if you enter the NZSS Championships and you are currently at school you will automatically be entered into the New Zealand U16 & U18 New Zealand Championships (provided that you will be U16 or U18 on 31 December 2021 and are a financial member of an athletics club). Athletes who are Athletics NZ U18 members and not at school will enter by sending an e-mail to oe@nzssaa.org.nz and will pay the standard NZSSAA entry fee.

7. Will results be provided for both the NZSS Championships and the Athletics NZ U16 & U18 Championships?

Yes, results will be separated for the NZSS Championships and the New Zealand U16 & U18 Championships.

8. Will there be relays for the Athletics NZ U16 and U18 Championships?

There will only be relays for Athletics NZ Under 18 Championships. There will be no Athletics NZ Under 16 Championship relays in 2021.

The Athletics NZ Under 18 4 x 100m relay will be run as timed finals at the NZSS meeting in the programme prior to the NZSS relays, likely at previously scheduled NZSS 4x100m heat times. This will give athletes the same workload with no additional rounds/races.

The Athletics NZ Under 18 Championships will have a virtual relay for 4 x 400m run 1-2 weeks prior to the Championships - details to be announced.

NZSS Senior and Junior relays will remain on the programme for 4x100m and 4x400m relays.



For 2021 all Senior and Junior NZSS relays will be timed finals for 4x100m and 4x400m relay. Schools are urged to have valid and recent seed times for all school relays prior to the championships.

Teams without valid seed times risk being not placed in 'A' finals.

Schools' titles and Under 18 titles may be secured from any division of timed finals based on the top three performances across the grade.

9. What will happen if the Senior and U18 implements weights, hurdle heights and distances are different?

This has been discussed and the only difference is the NZSS Senior Girls walk which is 2000m and the U18 Girls walk which is 3000m. It has been proposed that this walk be changed to 3000m as a trial for this year. This will be confirmed in due course.