

## EVENT INFORMATION

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Welcome to the 137th New Zealand Cross Country & Relay Championships and the first year at the Mission Estate Winery in Napier hosted by Hawkes Bay Gisborne Athletics. Here is some helpful information to assist in making your weekend a more enjoyable one

### Mission Estate

We are appreciative of the fantastic support of Mission Estate in making the event possible amongst their wonderful landscape and buildings.

It would be awesome if all our competitors and supporters can support Mission Estate by taking advantage of their range of offerings including cellar door, fine wine tastings, and restaurant options, Saturday evening food and beverage options, and the Sunday brunch after the relays. Mission Estate is also helping us to source some food and coffee vendors that will be positioned near the start/finish on the Saturday competition day.

### Event Schedule

The event schedule is available on the Athletics New Zealand website via the events/competitions page. Times are subject to change and will be displayed at the registration tent and via the announcements at the event.

### Mission Estate Health & Safety

We will have a list of the hazards being managed for the event at the Technical Information Centre (TIC) near the start/finish. A copy of the risk assessment will also be located at TIC. All team managers, competitors and supporters can access this information here. Please stay away from any areas with red and white tape and Keep Out signage.

### Medical

Medical event providers, Medics on Scene will be working at the event on Saturday and Sunday with ambulance, all terrain vehicle and two medics. They will be positioned next to the start/finish area.



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## Course Set Up & Viewing Times

The course will be officially open for competitors and supporters from 2.00pm Friday 2nd August until 5.30pm.

## Registrations Packet Pick Up

Centre team packets with all individual competitor bibs (centre and club) can be collected in the Gallery Room in the main Mission Estate building next to the cellar door and wine tasting area from **2-5.30pm Friday**. Please note: there will be no team managers' meeting; however, the appointed Technical Delegate for the event will be available to respond to any queries on **Saturday between 8-9am**.

## Centre & Club Tents & Changing Facilities

These will be located beside the concrete pad next to the start/finish area. There will be changing facilities next to the TIC.

## NZ Mixed Cross Country Relays Sunday

Late entries for the NZ Cross Country Relays will be taken on Saturday up until 3.00pm at TIC. Teams must confirm their designated running order (male, female, male, female) at least an hour prior to their race start time.

## Scratchings & Centre Team Changes

These need to be made using the official forms in the registration tent no less than an hour before the start of each race. With the NZ Cross Country Relays, we ask that team managers affirm the running order for their entered team by the end of the day on Saturday. For the Championship grades, all team members need to be current competitive members of Athletics NZ.

## Centre Team & Club Tents

Allocated Centre team tents will be provided on Saturday. Clubs are welcome to bring their own tents and assemble in the designated area.



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## Warmup/Warmdown

When warming up and warming down, please stay outside the marked competition lane when races are in progress.

## Post Race Aid

There will be water and R-Line electrolyte in the finish area for athletes with recyclable cups. Please place cups in the recycling bin provided.

## Post Event Area

There will be an Athletics NZ backdrop for photos at the back of the finish area where competitors can obtain photographs with their supporters at the conclusion of individual races on Saturday. A set of medals for placegetters will be made available for this opportunity which has been created for people who cannot be present at the awards ceremonies at the Mission Estate from 5pm on Saturday. Please note: if competitors cannot be present at the awards ceremony, they can arrange to uplift their individual medal from the TIC when the results are affirmed or arrange to have their medal couriered to them (at their cost) also at TIC.

## Awards Ceremonies

These will be staged in the Chapel function area in the Mission Estate Building starting at 5pm on Saturday. Parking can be used for the awards ceremonies and Mission Estate activities near the Mission Estate building, main entrance avenue and next to the winery production area.

## Athlete Race Call Time & Gear

Athletes are reminded they need to be at the start line ten minutes before the start of their race. Athletes are responsible for managing their own gear.

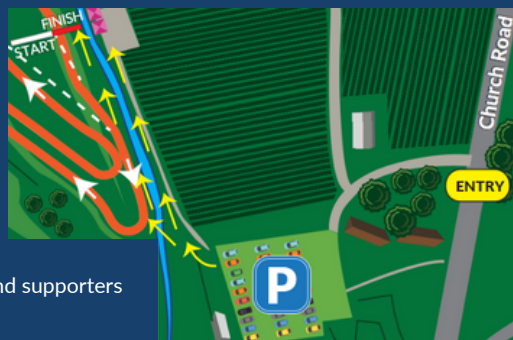


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## Venue Access & Parking

On Friday (course inspection and team packet pick up), Saturday and Sunday morning competition, all competitors and supporters must park in the designated paddock area located on Church Road approximately 400m further down from the main entrance. There will be parking signs and arrows guiding competitors and supporters to this parking. Directional markers will then guide competitors and supporters on a short walk to the start/finish area.



The only exception to this is for the awards ceremonies on Saturday at 5pm where competitors and supporters may park near the Mission Estate buildings, Avenue and area next to the winery production area.

## Controlled Avenue Crossing

All races will use the controlled crossing of the Mission Estate Avenue to the upper part of the course. Supporters are asked to follow the instructions of the marshals on this crossing point (covered with two layers of carpet suitable for running across) who will be managing competitors crossing and any vehicles with Stop/Go signs.

## Spectator Crossing Points

Supporters and spectators are requested to cross the course at key course crossing points near the Avenue and end of the start straight. These crossing points will be marked with high orange cylinder piping and signage to make clear.



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## Bathrooms

For competitors and supporters Portaloos be located at the back of the concrete pad area over the culvert from the start/finish area. Mission Estate bathroom facilities may be used by supporters and competitors who are using the restaurant and bar facilities.

## Waste & Recycling

Please use the event waste and recycling bins provided for your items, ensuring they are placed in the right bin.

## Livestream

Saturday events will be livestreamed on the Athletics NZ YouTube Channel with presentation and commentary led by Hayden Shearman and athlete comments from top local athlete, Sofia Lumbreras. In keeping with our balance is better approach, the youngest race being streamed will be the Under 16 events.

## Results Access Information

This can be found on the NZXC programme or via our website/social media.

## Food Trucks & Coffee

These will be located near the start/finish area from 8am on Saturday of competition.

