

Hey Team! A lot has been happening over the last month, as we start preparing for the summer season. Some exciting things are happening here at Athletics NZ....with our Get Set Go programme being launched in clubs, our Run Jump Throw programme going through a facelift and the roll out of our brand new Member Management system well underway.

Over the weekend 2-4 August, Athletics NZ held its annual 'Club Connect' conference in Hamilton. Some great sessions were presented over the weekend including an outline of the community sport team's goals and direction, some exciting new kids athletics programmes, and progresses within coach, officials and club development. Clubs participated in a workshop which focused on the 'environment we operate in'. We split CLUB into four key focus areas [People, Partnerships, Management and Activities] then identified the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats of clubs within these areas.



In groups we then prioritised the key points to focus on. The purpose of the activity was to get clubs thinking about what they do well and what they don't do quite so well and how Athletics NZ can assist and support clubs in these areas. I hope clubs got as much out of the exercise as we did. It's helped us identify priorities for clubs, which will be used to form a club development programme over the next few months. Notes from this exercise can be found on the Athletics NZ website. It was great to see some clubs had travelled from all across New Zealand to be there. For those that couldn't make it, we hope you can make it next year...but for now we've posted all presentations from the weekend on our website. [Click here](#)

A couple of weeks ago all clubs should have received a link to an online club registration form via email. The response has been great so far with at least 30% of clubs already completing the form. Thanks! We understand a few clubs are waiting until their AGM to finalise contact details...which is more than ok. But if you do know your key contacts for this season, please fill in the online form so we can update our new database and communicate with clubs more effectively. For the online form please [click here](#)

I hope everyone's managed to catch some of the stars competing in Moscow over the last week. Congratulations to the kiwi team on some awesome performances! We're all very proud of you.

Cat O'Sullivan

Member Management System Roll out...

By now many of you will have heard about the new online member management system that is being enthusiastically adopted by athletics clubs in Auckland, Wellington and other centres around the country. This week two evening training sessions were held in Auckland with administrators from fifteen clubs participating. The sessions provided an introduction to the system and showed clubs how to record membership on it. After the demonstration, club administrators logged on to their club consoles, performed searches, edited and added member records, and processed membership.

One of the great strengths of the software is that it is easy to use and doesn't require you to be a computer geek. You can use it from any computer that has internet access, and there is no need to download or install any software. It enables your members to join and pay online, update their details, subscribe to newsletters & communication groups, and enter events online. Club administrators can add members via an upload template and set up their own free club website and shop. A comprehensive set of reporting tools is available for managing club communication, accounting and other membership requirements. The online help and resources are excellent and webinars and [YouTube videos](#) explaining how to use the system are available.

Imagine how much your club would benefit if you could do this:

At the start of the new membership year, you send all your members an email and logon inviting them to renew their membership and either pay online or print out an invoice to bring to the club with payment.

That all payments whether online or manual are recorded on the system and that online payments are split so that fee components owing to the club, the centre and the national body will be distributed automatically into their respective bank accounts.

We know that many clubs intend implementing online membership next year, and until then we are encouraging all clubs to get involved now so they can explore how the system works and how to benefit from it. There is no upfront cost to use the system and it is only when membership is paid for online that a transaction fee of 6% is charged. Your club has nothing to lose and everything to gain by getting involved.

For more information contact your Centre or Alastair Dunn, alastair@athletics.org.nz



Is your club incorporated?

What is an Incorporated Society?

A group of at least 15 people can apply for registration as an incorporated society including sports clubs. Once registered the incorporated society becomes a separate legal entity distinct from its members. Athletics NZ encourages all clubs to become an incorporated society.

Why become an Incorporated Club?

- Members will not be personally liable for the debts, contracts or other obligations of the club.
- The club will continue as a separate legal entity even though its membership changes.
- More likely to be successful in applications to charitable and gaming trusts
- Can lease, rent, buy or sell property under the society's own name. No member of the club can have personal rights or interest in any of the assets of the club.

Minimum requirements

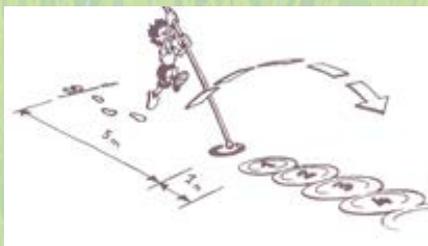
- At least 15 members
- A set of rules that complies with the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

For more details and information on the application process check out www.societies.govt.nz

IAAF/Nestle KIDS ATHLETICS

Athletics New Zealand is delighted to have been selected by the IAAF to participate in the IAAF/Nestle Healthy Kids Athletics programme for the next four years. This comes as a result of the successful implementation of a pilot programme in Otago clubs over the last two years.

The programme was developed by the IAAF and is targeted at children aged 7-10, but can be modified for both younger and older athletes. The programme consists of a range of fun team activities that replicate athletics skills and events with the aim of developing skills across all athletics disciplines....including mini pole-vault!



Athletics New Zealand now has the capability to develop and launch the programme in schools and clubs across New Zealand. The first batch of athletics kits have just arrived from Italy and planning is underway for launching the programme nationwide and including it as part of the Athletics NZ Run Jump Throw programme. If you would like to know more about the programme or are interested in ways it could be incorporated into your club please don't hesitate to contact Cat O'Sullivan

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Click on the picture above to see IAAF Kids Athletics in action at the Nestle headquarters in Switzerland last month

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