



2015 Trans Tasman Challenge

Trial Nomination Form

Nominations close at 8:30am on Saturday 8th November 2014.
Nominated athletes must be aged 10 or 11 years as at 1 October 2014.

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

Details of Athlete wishing to trial:

First Names: _____

Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Male / Female

Address: _____

Phone (Home) _____

Phone (Mobile) _____

Email 1: _____

Email 2: _____

(This is our main form of communication – please supply home and work emails if applicable and PRINT clearly)

Athletic Club _____

Age at 1st October 2014 _____

Please attach a photocopy of photo page of passport OR photocopy of birth certificate.

Name details as shown on your passport if different from above: _____

(Should ticket changes be required due to incorrect name shown, you will be liable for any costs incurred)

SPECIAL CUSTODY CONDITIONS

Any Family Law, AVOs or other relevant Court Order (if applicable)

Trans Tasman Trial Entry Form

My child wishes to compete in the selection trials to be held at: *(please tick)*

- Manawatu Community Athletics Facility; Palmerston North on 1st November
- Mt Smart Stadium; Auckland on 8th November

All athletes **MUST** attend a trial. Failure to attend will exclude an athlete from selection.

As this is a team event, athletes must have at least two strong events for selection. Athletes who cannot show versatility may not be selected.

Selectors make the decision on what events an athlete will compete in at the 2015 Trans Tasman Challenge and the decision is final.

Athletes can nominate in 2 track & 3 field or 3 track & 2 field or 2 track & 2 field, **but must trial in at least 4 events.** Please tick selections:

100 metres	()	Shot	()
200 metres	()	Discus	()
400 metres	()	High Jump	()
800 metres	()	Long Jump	()
1500 metres	()		

NOTE: Athletes may only select two out of the 400m, 800m, and 1500m.

NOTE: A separate nomination form is required for each athlete (photocopies acceptable)

PARENT / CAREGIVER DECLARATION

Should the necessity arise for medical attention for my child, authority is hereby given for the Team Management to use their discretion to arrange same on my behalf.

I enclose cash / cheque for \$10 being the non refundable trial fee. I agree to make all future payments in full and on time should my child be successful in securing a place in the team.

I agree that my child will abide by the rules of the team and act on instruction from the team officials at all times.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

To compete at the trials, it is compulsory for all athletes to be in full club uniform with Colgate age patch sewn to front and to wear shoes in ALL events (note: spiked shoes can be worn in laned events only, standard flats must be worn in 800m and 1500m)

Completed forms with accompanying \$10 trial fee, must be received by the Secretary before your trial commences.

Nominations can not be sent by fax / email as \$10 must accompany the trial form.

The Secretary, Trans Tasman Athletics,
9 Oriana Ave,
Lynfield,
Auckland 1042

- Note:**
- 1. The Trial Fee of \$10.00 must accompany this form.**
 - 2. A copy of child's Passport or Birth Certificate MUST be produced with this form.**
 - 3. Children are eligible if aged 10 or 11 on 1 October 2014**

Official Use Only: Passport or Birth Certificate sighted: YES / NO

TRANS TASMAN TOUR – SYDNEY 13th – 21st January 2015

INFORMATION PACK No.1

Please read carefully to avoid misunderstanding

To enable those considering taking part in the 2015 Trans Tasman Tour to make holiday and financial arrangements, the following is a summary of important aspects of the Tour. It includes proposed itinerary, costs and other arrangements, however please be aware these are only a guide at this stage.

We also outline the methods of selection for positions in the team, training responsibilities and important dates in preparation for the Tour.

In order to make the Tour a success, an enjoyable experience for all, and to ensure the safety of the athletes throughout the Tour we ask that you take particular notice of the rules under which the Tour will operate.

Dates of Tour:

- Leaving Auckland Airport on Tuesday 13th January on QF142 at 8.15am and QF144 at 2.00pm.
- Depart Sydney Airport on Wednesday 21st January on QF145 arriving in Auckland at 4.05pm and QF147 arriving in Auckland at 10.05pm.

The size of our tour party necessitates two flights. Athletes will travel in sections and be advised of their personal flight details closer to departure.

About the Tour:

- A team of up to 120 athletes will be selected (up to 30 from each age group). A small number of reserves may also be selected.
- Children aged 10 or 11 on 1st October 2014 are eligible to tour.
- Selection will be based on performances at the official trials (see later for details).
- The Tour is a sporting, educational, social and cultural experience for athletes.
- The cost of the Tour will include travel, accommodation, food, recreational activities (including entry fees), a full team uniform, competitor's medal and team photograph, and pocket money for athletes.

Accommodation:

The team will be staying at St Gregory's College in Campbelltown. This is a rural boarding school with outstanding facilities spread over 2000 acres.

Estimated Cost of the Tour - \$2,300.00

Payment of Tour Costs

Once selected in the team a non-refundable deposit of \$800 must be paid to the Treasurer on the day the team is announced Sunday 9th November 2014. This amount should be by cash or cheque as no electronic banking machines will be available. A large deposit is required as we need to pay for flights upon announcement of the team.

Further instalments are to be made each fortnight until the full and final payment of the cost of Tour is made on 7th December 2014 otherwise athletes will be replaced in the team. You are welcome to pay the full cost in one installment.

Athletes who pull out of the team from this date will only receive back monies paid less actual costs.

If you would like to set up instalment amounts prior to trials, to help save and defer big expenses in November / December, please contact us to make this arrangement. We have a separate tour account and it is possible we could make this available with full refund should your child not be selected. Starting in August would mean payments of less than \$500 a month to see your child in Sydney come the New Year.

Tour Party

Will consist of:

Athletes

Up to 30 Girls 10 years age group

Up to 30 Boys 10 years age group

Up to 30 Girls 11 years age group

Up to 30 Boys 11 years age group

Officials (35) N.B. Total number may vary dependent on the team structure.

5 Executive Committee consisting of:

Rodger Brickland (Tour Manager)

Sharon Grass (Assistant Tour Manager)

Fiona Maisey (Secretary)

Denise Cheese (Treasurer, Transport and Itinerary Manager)

Kim Anderson (Competition and Sports Manager)

In addition we will require:

Section Managers 24 (12 female, 12 male)

Training Officers 4 (female and male)

Doctor/ Nurse 1 or 2

Any adults wishing to travel and stay with the team will be on the basis of having a designated job and be expected to undertake that role to support the team and executive. Please note: Section Managers and Assistants will not be grouped with their own child. You are therefore invited to apply for any of the above positions. Brief role descriptions of the major positions are as follows:

Section Managers

Working in groups of 6 managers, you will be responsible for a designated group of boys or girls. You will provide leadership, support, friendship and encouragement, care and direction – in short you will be surrogate parents for the 9 days we are away. Demonstrating appropriate behaviour to athletes and ensuring athletes act in a responsible, respectful and co-operative manner at all times. To ensure athletes are kept aware of deadlines and commitments and are organised and on time for meetings, meals, training, travel and events at the carnival and Challenge Day. Encourage and build team spirit. The Section Managers will be accommodated with their section.

Training Officers

Ideally having sound knowledge in either sprints, distance, jumps or throws events to provide training prior to Challenge Day and warm-up routines on Challenge Day. Reporting to the Competition Manager, these roles will also assist the setting up of training sessions and support the athletes to ensure they are prepared for their events. These people will also be allocated to an age grade to assist looking after the children when not providing training sessions.

Nurse or Medical Officer

Responsible for the medical and accident support of the travelling team. To administer assistance and care as needed for any incidents or medical issues at any time. To identify and organise the safe application of any required medications. To ensure all athletes are aware of and take care to ensure adequate hydration, sun protection and physical well-being. To arrange additional medical care as necessary in a timely manner.

Supporters

We welcome others who may wish to support the team however you will have to arrange your own travel and accommodation. Please note, in the interests of the athletes' safety, security and team focus, interaction with the athletes will be strictly controlled by team officials. This particularly applies to Challenge Day where the teams will be kept together and separated from the spectators. Please don't be offended if we ask you to leave the team area. Casual visits to the College will not be allowed.

Christmas Holidays

Families who intend on extending their time in Australia after the tour is completed need to advise us of alternative travel arrangements for their athlete at team announcement on 9 November 2014. Failure to do so will result in any fees payable being met by the family concerned. Please make sure you speak to Fiona or Denise at the team announcement.

Selection Trials

There will be two official trials held this year.

- **Saturday 1st November** commencing at 10am at Manawatu Community Athletics Facility, Massey University; Palmerston North. We encourage athletes from the lower North Island to attend this trial.
- **Saturday 8th November** commencing at 9am at Mt Smart Stadium, Penrose; Auckland. We encourage athletes from the upper North Island to attend this trial.

(Results from the three open days being held on 4th, 11th and 18th October at Mt Smart may also be considered. All athletes are welcome to attend these. Cost is \$5 per day and they commence at 9am and conclude around 1.00pm)

Failure to attend an official trial will result in exclusion from selection. Athletes who are not serious about selection are encouraged to stay away from the trial events. It is disappointing for athletes to miss out on the team because someone who has no intention of travelling takes their place.

The winner of the Challenge Cup is the team that gains the most points. All athletes who make a top 8 position contribute to the points tally, so everyone in the team is an important player – not just the medal winners. For an away tour, many athletes make the team who may not have previously been selected in team events. Parents should be aware of the many benefits athletes gain from participating in the Trans Tasman Tour.

Athletes should compete in a minimum of four events at each trial, including at least one track event and one field event. This is because the Trans Tasman competition includes both track and field relays. It is likely that almost all athletes will compete in one relay event in addition to the individual events they are selected for.

The selectors will base their decisions on the results of these trials; however they reserve the right to consider any significant results from outside events. The selectors will make their decisions based on team composition and Challenge Cup rules.

The selectors are: Rodger Brickland, Fiona Maisey and Kim Anderson.

An application form for the trials is included in this pack. This must be received by the Secretary together with a non-refundable trial fee of \$10.00 before the athlete commences their trial and has their name recorded.

The team will be announced on Sunday 9 November at Mt Smart at 12.00pm (noon). Athletes are expected to attend the announcement.

Passports

All children and adults on the Tour **MUST** have a current individual passport which must be handed to the Passports Manager at least by the time of final tour payment. All passports will be held securely until needed at the airport.

Uniform

Athletes seeking selection for the team will be measured for their uniform on the trial day and uniform issued to those selected the day the team photo is taken provided full payment has been received. Samples will be available to try on. It is important that you are accurately fitted as there will be no opportunity after issue to change uniform sizes. All items of uniform must be clearly marked with the athlete's name and Section number.

Luggage

A suitable size luggage bag will be needed on tour. It is important that this is not overloaded as each child is responsible for carrying their own luggage. A list of clothing required will be in a later bulletin to indicate what to take on tour. A backpack will be provided for daily use.

Pocket Money

The cost of tour includes an allowance of AUS\$80 for athlete's spending money. This will be distributed depending on the day's activities. If parents wish to give children additional money this must be handed in to the Tour Treasurer at the start of the tour for safe keeping. Athletes can then request their money.

Take Out a Kiwi Day

This is usually a highlight of the tour for most children. The children are paired up with an Australian athlete and spend a day with the athlete's family. This often leads to lasting friendships especially where the athletes compete for two years and the same children can host their new friend in New Zealand.

It is compulsory that all New Zealand athletes participate in this enjoyable day. Please note that host families are carefully checked before the tour to ensure your child's safety. If you are not happy to participate you should not trial for a place in the team.

For further information: Please contact any of the Executive Committee:

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Sharon Grass	021 184 7806	sharong@ps.gen.nz
Denise Cheese	021 722 662	denisecheese@gmail.com

Trans Tasman Tour Itinerary Sydney January 2015

Tuesday 13th January	Depart Auckland for Sydney Travel to St Gregory's college Campbelltown
Wednesday 14th January	Sydney City Explorer with Harbour Bridge Walk, travel from The Rocks to Circular Quay, Opera House, Ferry ride to Darling Harbour, Sydney Wildlife World, Sydney Aquarium. Lunch at Harbourside. Return to college late afternoon Training/Song & Haka practice/Swim at college
Thursday 15th January	Training/Song & Haka practice/Swim at college Afternoon Carnival at Campbelltown Campbelltown Sports Stadium, Pembroke Road, Leumeah
Friday 16th January	Take out a Kiwi day NZ/Australian Executive Annual Conference
Saturday 17th January	Shopping at Parklea Markets, Parramatta Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Show Castlereagh
Sunday 18th January	Challenge Day Campbelltown Sports Stadium, Pembroke Road, Leumeah
Monday 19th January	MacArthur Shopping Centre – parents welcome Ten Pin Bowling / Movies / Shopping
Tuesday 20th January	Jamberoo Adventure Park Tourist stop at Sublime Point Lookout, Bulli
Wednesday 21st January	Clean up College Travel to Airport Depart for Auckland