



Pakuranga Athletic Club

Junior Track and Field 2026/27 Season • Newsletter Three (13 September 2026)

1. Welcome to the 2026/27 Track and Field Season!

Our first club night is now just one month away! A very special welcome to all the families joining us at Pakuranga Athletic Club for the first time. It is wonderful to have you as part of our junior athletics community. We can't wait to meet you in person next month.

For returning members, registrations are now open. Head to our website – www.pakurangaathletics.co.nz - and look for the 'Online Registrations' box on our home page. Just follow the instructions from there.

Registration fees for the 2026/27 summer season are unchanged from last season:



Tiny Tots and '5s and 6s': \$105

Remember to select 'PAC' not Howick Tiny Tots



Juniors (7-14 years): \$185



Youth (15-19 years): \$200

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For 2-6 year olds, make sure you select the **Pakuranga/Lloyd Elsmore Park** option, not Howick Tiny Tots

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Check you have entered the athlete's date of birth correctly. Remember to change the year from 2026

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Everyone registering needs to pay membership fees to join Athletics New Zealand (our national body) and Athletics Auckland (our regional body). These are shaded out on the form so are added to your total automatically. If your total matches the amount above, you're good!

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There are discounts available to families registering three or more members. However, all the members need to be registered **in the same transaction**. Discounts are calculated automatically

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The club is happy to set up payment plans for families who would prefer to pay their registration fees off in instalments. To arrange this, please contact pakrun@gmail.com before registering.

2. Need Something To Wear?

From Wednesday the 28th of October, all athletes need to wear a club t-shirt (for 2–6-year-olds; \$20) or a club singlet (for 7 years + \$45) on club nights. To avoid the queues on the first couple of club nights, we are offering some pre-season uniform days:

- Saturday 19th September 3 - 5 pm in the clubrooms (36-38 Cascades Road, Pakuranga)
- Saturday 26th September 1.30 – 3.30 pm in the clubrooms
- Saturday 3rd October 3 – 5 pm in the clubrooms
- Saturday 10th October 9 – 12 noon at the trackside tuckshop

Cash, EFTPOS, credit card and PayWave payments are available. Orders can also be placed for club hoodies, trackpants and supporter t-shirts.

3. Time To Get Involved!

We have had a fantastic response to our call for grade managers, grade manager assistants and activity leaders. We already have 120 volunteers signed up – what an amazing community we have! We're nearly there but still need grade managers for just three grades:

- **8 Boys**
- **12 Boys**
- **14 Girls**

We have grade manager assistants for these grades to help with measuring, raking, recording etc but need a parent or confident youth athlete to lead these grades. If you are able to help, please email us – pakrun@gmail.com. Full training provided.

4. Help Use Spread The Word - Have A Go Morning

We're opening up the track to our local community on **Saturday 10th October** with a free 'Have A Go' morning. It's a chance for children to find out what junior athletics is all about and try some of the fantastic activities our section has to offer.

Know someone who might enjoy athletics? Please send them the poster below or invite them along! We'll have a coffee van on-site, and the tuck shop and BBQ will be up and running. Tiny Tots (2-6 year olds) will start at 9:30 am; 7-14 year olds are welcome from 10:30 am. Club uniforms will also be available to purchase on the day.

Free

Looking for a new sport over summer?
How about athletics?

**Junior Athletics
'Have a Go'
Morning**

• **Saturday 10 October** •

Yvette Williams Track,
Lloyd Elsmore Park

2-6 years: 9.30 am
7-14 years: 10.30 am

All abilities catered for
Beginners welcome in any age group

No need to register - just come along
Contact pakrun@gmail.com for more information
• www.pakurangaathletics.co.nz •



5. Let's Get The Track Looking Amazing



To make sure the track looks amazing for our first club night on Wednesday 14th of October, we are holding a working bee on **Sunday 27th of September, from 9 am**. Jobs available for all abilities – painting, sweeping, removing rubbish, cleaning the tuck shop, rotary-hoeing the long jump pits ... Even if you can only spare an hour, we would love to see you. Many hands make light work- and the more helpers we have, the quicker we can get through the jobs.



6. Want To Feel More Confident Helping Out on Club Nights?



The club is hosting a free Volunteer Officials course on **Sunday 4th October from 2 pm**. Run by Athletics New Zealand, it's ideal for grade managers and parents who want to learn the basic rules of athletics and how events are run.

The session includes plenty of opportunities to ask questions, plus a walk around the track to look at each event – including finding out what all those lines are for! It also covers safety and safeguarding.

The course is free for club members, and afternoon tea is provided.

Keen to come along? Please register via this link - [Volunteer Officials Training](#) or contact pakrun@gmail.com and we will register you.

7. What's Coming Up?

Saturday 10th October: 'Have A Go' morning

Wednesday 14th October: First club night for 2026/27

Saturday 24th October: Girl Power Morning – for all girls in Grades 7-14

Saturday 31st October: Pakuranga Junior Ribbon Day (early this season due to our track closing)

For those who like to plan ahead, the junior 'Outside Events' calendar for the 2026/27 season is now available on our website - <https://pakurangaathletics.co.nz/juniors-track-and-field/events-calendar/>

Events, dates and locations may change so please make sure you keep an eye on the weekly newsletter for updates.

8. Got A Question? Need To Know More?

If you have any questions about the upcoming season, please feel free to contact the Junior Track and Field Committee at pakrun@gmail.com. We're always happy to help.

Junior Track and Field committee



A huge thank you to the businesses and organisations already supporting our section. We're still looking for additional supporters who can help with funding, products or services. If you own or work for a business that might be able to help – or know someone who does – please get in touch at pakrun@gmail.com.