

The background of the entire page is a photograph of three male athletes running on a track. The athlete on the left is wearing a black singlet with a Mizuno logo and bib number 1928. The athlete in the center is wearing a black singlet with a New Zealand logo and bib number 1710. The athlete on the right is wearing a white singlet with a green and red design and bib number 1002. The text is overlaid on this image.

**PARALYMPICS NEW
ZEALAND NATIONAL
MULTISPORT
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

7th - 9th March, 2003

Auckland



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1 Introduction

This Event Information Guide contains preliminary information regarding the 2003 Paralympics New Zealand National Multisport Championships to be held in the Auckland North Shore region from March 7th to 9th, 2003.

The North Shore is home to a number of quality sporting venues, many of which are in close proximity to each other ensuring a compact region for this event.

Paralympics New Zealand encourages all New Zealand and overseas athletes to attend this event, which promises to be a great weekend of sport.

2 Background

The first Paralympics New Zealand (PNZ) National Multisport Championships were held in Auckland in 1968 and have been the breeding ground for both national and international level athletes with a disability.

This event is an opportunity for high profile international athletes to compete alongside developing athletes and provides many with the chance to compete at a national level for the first time.

3 Entry Process

All entrants must complete the Athlete Entry Form (see Appendix 1) in full and return to PNZ no later than the 20th January 2003. Entries received after this date will incur a late entry fee as below. Please ensure each entry has a signed athlete declaration.

The Entry Fee covers some venue hire and officials expenses. All other expenses are to be covered by the entrant, unless otherwise stated. Only competitors are required to pay an entry fee.

Payment to be received as follows:

- Fee of NZ\$50 per individual for entries received on or before 20th January 2003.
- Fee of NZ\$100 per individual for entries received after 20th January 2003 and prior to 31 January 2003.

Cheques should be made out to 'Paralympics New Zealand'.

Important Dates

Event Information & Entry Forms Distributed	29 th November 2002
Athlete Entry Forms received by PNZ	20 th January 2003
Last Date for Late Entries	31 st January 2003
Final Event Information Distributed	14 th February 2003
<i>To include event timetable, medal standards & classification & transport schedules</i>	
PNZ National Multisport Championships	March 7 th - 9 th 2003

4 Athlete Eligibility & Classification

All athletes must be eligible to compete under International Paralympic Committee (IPC) rules.

All athletes without a PNZ authorised class will be requested to submit a 'Provisional Classification Test Sheet' prior to competition. These athletes will be informed once entry forms have been received. Recognised classifiers will allocate National classes during the event. A classification schedule will be distributed once entries have been received.

Further information on classification processes and procedures can be found at <http://www.paralympicsnz.org.nz/sports/class.html>

5 Programme Guide

The following is an indication of competition times only. A comprehensive programme will be available from 14th February, 2003.

	Thurs' March 6th	Fri' March 7th	Sat' March 8th	Sun' March 9th	Mon' March 10th
Teams Arrive					
Classification					
Archery					
Athletics					
Boccia					
Equestrian					
GoalBall					
Lawn Bowls					
Powerlifting					
Swimming					
Wheelchair Basketball					
Wheelchair Rugby					
Wheelchair Tennis					
Closing Function					
Teams Depart					

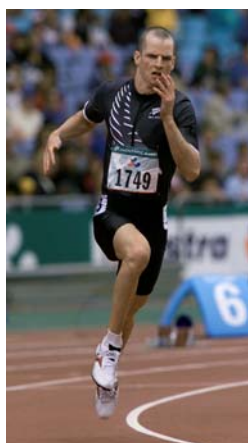
6 Sports Information

All Sports will be conducted in accordance with the relevant IPC rules, unless otherwise stated.

Archery

Venue: Shore Archery Club
Next door to the North Shore Events Centre

Events: FITA Outdoor Target Round – 50m



Athletics

Venue: Millennium Institute of Sport & Health
Events: 'Rekortan' eight lane track - resurfaced in 1999. Full electronic timing facilities

Miscell': A novice wheelchair racing training session is planned for the morning of Friday 7th March. Further details will be available in early 2003.

Boccia

Venue: North Shore Events Centre

Rules: IBC Rules

Events: Individual
Pairs/Teams

Status: Boccia Association New Zealand
2003 North Island Championships



Equestrian

Venue: Rosedale Pony Club

Rules: IPEC Rules

Events: Own-horse competition
Individual Dressage
Individual Freestyle

Lawn Bowls

Venue: Sunnybrae Bowls Club
Next door to the North Shore
Events Centre

Rules: IPC Rules

Events: Singles & Drawn Pairs

Facilities: 2 x Artificial Green
Additional greens as required



Goalball

Venue: North Shore Events Centre

Status: New Zealand Squad development & training camp. By invitation from Goalball New Zealand only.

Powerlifting

Venue: Millennium Institute of Sport & Health

Facilities: World class platforms and equipment



Road Race

Venue: North Harbour Stadium complex
Close to the Millennium Institute of Sport & Health

Events: 5km & 10km wheelchair

Swimming

Venue: Millennium Institute of Sport & Health

Facilities: 10 lane 50m world class pool





Wheelchair Basketball

Venue: North Shore Events Centre
Rules: IWBF Rules

Wheelchair Rugby

Venue: Auckland University of
Technology Gymnasium
Rules: IWRG Rules



Wheelchair Tennis

Venue: North Harbour Tennis Centre
Rules: ITF Rules
Events: Singles & Doubles

7 Scratchings & Combined Events

Events where insufficient entries have been received by the due date will be scratched from the programme. Entrants to these events will be notified on the 14th February and will be fully refunded their entry fee.

In the sports of athletics and swimming, athletes may compete in combined events (i.e. more than one class and/or age group will compete for medals in the same race), where there are insufficient entries by class.

In the above instance medals will be allocated based on calculating the competitor's results as a percentage of the world record for their class.

8 Protests

Classification and Technical Protest Panels will be appointed by the Organising Committee and approved by PNZ.

9 Anti-doping

Doping is forbidden by the IPC and uses the same list of prohibited drugs as the IOC, including blood doping. For further information on PNZ Anti-doping policy contact PNZ or visit www.paralympicsnz.org.nz

10 Accommodation

PNZ will provide assistance to Teams (eg. ParaFed Teams, wheelchair rugby Teams) wishing to source suitable accommodation, on request.

11 Transport

PNZ will provide transports for Teams only as follows:

- ◆ Airport transfers
- ◆ Local transport between accommodation & competition venues, subject to proximity.

Athlete Entry Form

1. Contact Details

First Name

Surname

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Postal Address

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Work Phone

Home Phone

Mobile Phone

Fax

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Email Address

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Name of Team (if relevant)

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2. Sport Details

Gender (M/F)

Class (if known)

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Single Event Sports

Archery <input type="checkbox"/>	Powerlifting <input type="checkbox"/>
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Team Sports

Goalball <input type="checkbox"/>	W/c Basketball <input type="checkbox"/>	W/c Rugby <input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Team _____		

Athletics

100m <input type="checkbox"/>	200m <input type="checkbox"/>	400m <input type="checkbox"/>	800m <input type="checkbox"/>	1500m <input type="checkbox"/>
5000m <input type="checkbox"/>	5km Road Race* <input type="checkbox"/>		10km Road Race* <input type="checkbox"/>	
* The 5km & 10km road race will run concurrently, therefore only enter one event				
Club <input type="checkbox"/>	Shot <input type="checkbox"/>	Discus <input type="checkbox"/>	Javelin <input type="checkbox"/>	
L Jump <input type="checkbox"/>	T Jump <input type="checkbox"/>	H Jump <input type="checkbox"/>	Pentathlon <input type="checkbox"/>	

Boccia

Individual	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pairs*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Teams*	<input type="checkbox"/>
*Name(s) of Team/Pairs _____					

Lawn Bowls

Individual	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pairs*	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Equestrian

Individual	<input type="checkbox"/>	Freestyle	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Horse (if known) _____			

Swimming

50m Free	<input type="checkbox"/>	100m Free	<input type="checkbox"/>	200m Free	<input type="checkbox"/>
400m Free	<input type="checkbox"/>	50m Back	<input type="checkbox"/>	100m Back	<input type="checkbox"/>
50m Breast	<input type="checkbox"/>	100m Breast	<input type="checkbox"/>	50m Fly	<input type="checkbox"/>
100m Fly	<input type="checkbox"/>	150m IM	<input type="checkbox"/>	200m IM	<input type="checkbox"/>

Wheelchair Tennis

Singles	<input type="checkbox"/>	Doubles*	<input type="checkbox"/>
*Name of Partner _____			

4. Athlete Declaration

I agree to abide by the event conditions and the following code of conduct. I certify that I am in good physical health and agree that I compete entirely at my own risk. I hereby release the event organisers, their officers, volunteers, employees, sponsors or any other party associated with the event of any liability, financial or otherwise for any loss or injury to equipment or person incurred during the event. I have understood the event rules and will abide by the decision of the officials in any and all matters.

Signature of entrant

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Entries close 20th January 2003
All entries submitted after this date will incur a late entry fee

Fair Play Code of Conduct

Athletes

1. Players shall conduct themselves in a manner which brings credit to themselves and the game:
 - a) Play according to the letter and intent of the rules and regulations of your sport.
 - b) Play in a spirit of competitive sportsmanship accepting the official's decisions without dissent.
 - c) Control your behaviour on and off the court and refrain from any violent or abusive actions and language.
 - d) Co-operate fully with your coach and teammates, remembering that you are participating in a team sport.
 - e) Respect your opponent(s) and do not participate in any baiting, verbal abuse or intimidating activities.
 - f) Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
1. Players shall accept refereeing decisions with good grace:
 - a) Questioning referees shall only be by the captain and in accordance with the provisions of your sports rules.
 - b) Captains (or coaches) are to ask questions in a courteous and reasonable manner.
 - c) Action contrary to this will be penalised immediately, initially with a warning.
2. Players should refrain from:
 - a) Continually following officials to question decisions.
 - b) Dissenting with decisions, either with words or body language.
 - c) Gesturing with waves of arms, indecent body language, facial expressions, etc.
 - d) "Mouthing off" when officials turn their backs or the player turns away from the official.
 - e) Using rude, offensive and threatening language.

If an individual is unable to fulfil these obligations and behaves in an inappropriate manner, penalties will be invoked.

Coaches

1. Coaches shall conduct themselves in a manner that reinforces their place as leaders and role models, and encourage positive communication between themselves and players, referees, administrators and the general public:
 - a) Perform your coaching duties on the basis of careful preparation.
 - b) Ensure that your instruction is current, accurate and appropriate, and that it is based on practices for which you are qualified with acquired knowledge and skills.
 - c) Remember you have a primary concern for the health, safety and personal welfare of your players and so should take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse.
 - d) Treat all persons with dignity and respect so providing a model of fair play and sportsmanship.
 - e) Observe the letter and intent of the rules and regulations of the game and insist that players and teams under your direction do likewise.
 - f) Remember that you have undertaken the responsibility of assisting your players to acquire the necessary knowledge and skills of the game to achieve their potential, as well as promoting desirable personal traits in them.
2. Coaches shall accept refereeing decisions with good grace:
 - a) Questioning referees shall only be done by the captain and in accordance with the provisions of the rules of the particular sport.
 - b) Coaches are to ask questions in a courteous and reasonable manner.
 - c) Action contrary to this will be penalised immediately initially with a warning.
3. Coaches should refrain from:
 - a) Continually questioning decisions.
 - b) Dissenting with decisions, whether by words or body language.
 - c) Gesturing with waves of arms, indecent body language, facial expression, etc.
 - d) Using rude, offensive and threatening language.

In instances when the acceptable behaviour has clearly ceased, penalties will be invoked.

Referees and Officials

1. Referees and officials have an important role in ensuring that acceptable behavior is displayed, by all participants, on the court at all times:
 - a) Be mentally and physically prepared for the entire game or event.
 - b) Maintain completely neutrality at all times.
 - c) Accept your role as a communicator and role model for fair play.
 - d) Accept your role as a member of the "officials team", embrace team work, co-operate with and assist fellow officials, and others associated with the game or event.
 - e) Ensure that all players have a fair and reasonable opportunity to perform to the best of their ability, within the rules and regulations of your sport.
 - f) Conduct yourself in a professional manner at all times.
 - g) Attend organised functions as a representative of referees and officials.
 - h) Remain open to constructive criticism and suggestions from the Technical Committee, or delegated authority, showing respect and consideration to those offering assistance.

Parents and Spectators

1. Remember that although the sport at the event may, or may not be at an elite level, it is still sport to be enjoyed by all participants.
2. Respect all participating athletes and officials as you would respect your own children and friends, and applaud good performances by all participants.
3. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul or abusive language of actions, and by not harassing players, coaches, officials or other spectators.

Remember that destructive criticism has no place in sport. It is very hurtful to the recipient, and ultimately, reflects very poorly on the particular sport being played.