



# TRANS TASMAN TOUR to AUCKLAND NEW ZEALAND

ATTENTION ATHLETES IN U10'S AND U11'S 2016/2017



## REVISED TOUR DATES 4 to 16 January 2018

**ATTENTION ALL ATHLETES** who will be U11 & U12 Boys & Girls registered with Little Athletics NSW or Little Athletics ACT for the 2017/2018 season, together with their family and friends.

The 2018 Trans Tasman Tour to New Zealand will be the twenty first tour conducted by LANSW in accordance with a reciprocal arrangement with The Auckland Junior Athletics Committee of Athletics New Zealand. Over 4,700 people from NSW have participated since tours commenced in 1978.

**ABOUT THE TOUR** - Primarily an educational tour, with exposure to people of another country, their customs, heritage and environment. In previous tours to Auckland, the tour included visits to the famous thermal areas of Rotorua and overnight stay on a Maori Marae at Tauranga. Fun events have included Kelly Tarlton's Antarctic Encounter; Waiwera Hot Pools and "Choobs"; trout feeding; Rainbow's End Fun Park and Auckland city sights.

Athletic meets have included zone carnivals and of course, the Trans Tasman Challenge in Auckland.

**TOUR DATES** – initially published as 11-23 January, dates have now been revised to **4 to 16 January 2018** because the NSW athletes have been invited to participate at the Colgate Games in Auckland on Saturday 6 January 2018.

This competition is held once a season in the North and South Island in the January School Holidays. It is one of the biggest Athletics meets held in New Zealand, open to registered athletes aged 7-14yrs. In 2018 the North Island Games will be held in Auckland, so this is a wonderful opportunity for our athletes to participate in a high level international competition. The challenge will be held on Sunday 14 January 2018 at Mt. Smart Stadium, Penrose, Auckland.

**NOMINATIONS** - All nominations together with a deposit of \$200.00 per person must be at Little Athletics NSW by Friday 27 October 2017. This deposit will be taken off the invoice total. Due to the fact that all nominees will tour, this \$200.00 deposit is non-refundable, except if it becomes necessary to limit the tour numbers because of aircraft, accommodation or other restrictions over which we have no control. Full payment of all tour costs will be required by Friday 24 November 2017.

**ACCOMMODATION** - The athletes will be allocated to sections of approximately 12 athletes under the care of a section manager and two (2) assistant section managers (hand-picked adults). Accommodation for athletes and officials will be dormitory style at Sacred Heart College, a boy's boarding school in Glendowie, Auckland. At Tauranga, males and females will be at separate Maraes, not exactly motel accommodation, but great fun!

<b><u>ESTIMATED PRICE RANGE FROM THE 2016 TOUR</u></b>	<b><u>Athletes</u></b>	<b><u>Officials</u></b>
<b>Includes:</b> Airfare, taxes, accommodation, meals, coach travel, admissions and entertainment		
Official Uniform	\$440	\$410
Pocket Money	\$120	Nil
	<b>\$2,900 - \$2,990</b>	<b>\$2,800 - \$2,900</b>



**INFORMATION SESSIONS** will be arranged and notified at a later date. These sessions enable anyone interested in making the tour to obtain further information, meet the tour committee and ask questions.

#### **SELECTION OF THE TEAM**

There will be no selection trials for the 2018 Tour. Performances between 1 October 2016 and 21 October 2017 will be used as the basis for team selection, and must be submitted on the form provided at the same time as the nomination form. These performances will be verified by LANSW, so full details must be given. Everyone who nominates to tour must attend the uniform fitting day on Sunday, 5 November 2017 between 9.00am and 1.30pm. (Venue to be advised)

Little Athletics NSW selectors will select a team comprising of: -

25 boys from under 11 years age group plus 4 reserves

25 girls from under 11 years age group plus 4 reserves

25 boys from under 12 years age group plus 4 reserves

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Athletes will be selected in no more than four (4) individual events and maybe a relay.

Those wishing to nominate for the team may nominate in either 2 track and 3 field, 3 track and 2 field, or 2 track and 2 field). **However everyone must nominate and provide performance details in a minimum of FOUR (4) events - 2 track and 2 field.** The reason for the requirement to nominate in both track and field events is that the Trans Tasman Challenge requires some competitors to compete in a track or field relay in conjunction with individual events.

Athletes who nominate in the 400m, 800m & 1500m will only be selected in a maximum of two (2) of these events

**ATHLETES UNIFORM IN 2016** - included a tracksuit, hat, 3 polo shirts, 2 pairs of cargo shorts, running singlet and shorts, 2 hoodies, 2 pairs of sport socks, 1 large travel bag, 1 backpack and 1 bum bag.

**OFFICIAL'S UNIFORM IN 2016** - included a tracksuit, hat, 3 polo shirts, 2 pairs of cargo shorts, 1 zip jacket, 2 pair of sport socks, 1 large travel bag, 1 backpack and 1 bum bag.

**Team photo** is also included for all athletes and officials.

**Pocket money** has been standardised at A\$120.00 for each athlete. This money will be in the custody of the tour committee who will issue a certain amount daily to the section managers for each athlete. Pocket money must be paid in tour costs.

**Information Bulletins will be available on the LANSW website in September 2017: [www.lansw.com.au](http://www.lansw.com.au)**

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