

**Gymnastics New
Zealand Incorporated
trading as Gymnastics
New Zealand**

**National Championships
Policy**

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Gymnastics New Zealand National Championships Policy

1. Purpose and Status of Policy

- 1.1 Gymnastics NZ is responsible for owning, managing and otherwise being responsible for all national GymSports competitions and events in New Zealand which Gymnastics NZ has control over and authority to own or manage. (Rule 3.2h of the Constitution). These competitions include the Gymnastics New Zealand National Championships (Gymnastics Nationals).
- 1.2 The purpose of this Policy is to set out the structure of the Gymnastics Nationals and the procedures governing it. The rules governing the programme, hosting rights, the competition rules and other matters related to the Gymnastics Nationals.
- 1.3 This Policy was adopted by the Board on 11 March 2026 in accordance with Rule 25 of the Constitution.

2. Commencement Date

- 2.1 This Policy shall take effect and come into force on 11 March 2026

3. Definitions

- 3.1 Every reference to the Constitution shall mean the Gymnastics NZ Constitution unless specified otherwise.
- 3.2 The words and phrases used in this Policy shall have the same meaning as defined in the Constitution unless otherwise specified.
- 3.3 In addition to clauses 3.1 and 3.2 of this Policy, the following words and phrases used in this Policy shall mean as follows:

“**Event Manager**” means the person or persons appointed by the CEO to be responsible for organising the Gymnastics New Zealand Championships.
“**Gymnastics New Zealand National Championship**” and “**Gymnastics Nationals** ” means the official national competition(s) held annually and sanctioned and authorised by Gymnastics NZ for each of the following GymSports Disciplines: Men’s and Women’s Artistic Gymnastics, Trampoline Gymnastics, Aerobic Gymnastics and Rhythmic Gymnastics. The Championships for each of these Gymnastics Disciplines may be held alone, simultaneously, or concurrently.

“Endorsed Qualifying Event” means a Gymnastics event held by or on behalf of a Club or Clubs which has been endorsed by Gymnastics NZ as such. The criteria for an endorsed event shall be determined by the GNZ Event Manager and notified to Member Clubs annually. For the purposes of this policy, the Endorsed Events for each Gymnastics Discipline must be held between 1 May and completed no later than mid-August for Rhythmic, Trampoline, Aerobics and, Artistic events in the year of that Discipline’s Championships.

“Team Officials” means the coach, manager and any other person appointed by a Provincial National Championships Committee (specified in clause 4.6) to support athletes of the Province’s team competing at the Championships.

“Provincial National Committee” A committee of selected individuals (or Coordinators where a committee is not present), appointed by Member Clubs in a Province whom shall be responsible for:

- a selecting the team(s) of athletes and Team Officials to represent the Province at the Championships, including determining the criteria for such selection;
- b communicating with Gymnastics NZ Regional Managers, National Office, Event Manager or Events Coordinator regarding all matters related to the Championships (other than entry fees which are the responsibilities of each Member Club).

4. Representation at Gymnastics Nationals

- 4.1 **Representation for a Province:** For the sole purpose of the Gymnastics Nationals, athletes shall enter and compete in the Championships as representatives of a geographical area, known as a Province. The provinces (and the geographical boundaries which define them) shall have no other status under the Constitution other than for the Championships.
- 4.2 The Championships shall be contested in each of the disciplines by a team of athletes from each Province against teams of athletes from other.

Provinces, and other countries, at the invitation of the respective Technical Committees.

4.3 There will be 15 Provinces comprised as follows:

- a. **Northland:** Kaipara and Northland
- b. **Harbour:** Rodney and North Shore
- c. **Auckland:** Central Auckland, Waitakere and Waiheke Island
- d. **Gymsports Manukau:** Manukau, Papakura and Franklin
- e. **Waikato:** Waikato, Hauraki, Thames, Coromandel and Taupo
- f. **Bay of Plenty:** Tauranga, Kawerau, Rotorua and Whakatane
- g. **Taranaki:** South Taranaki, New Plymouth and Stratford
- h. **Hawkes Bay/Poverty Bay:** Waipukurau, Hastings, Napier and and Gisborne
- i. **Wanganui/Manawatu:** Wanganui, Horowhenua, Taihape and Manawatu
- j. **Wellington:** Wairarapa, Masterton, Porirua, Kapiti Coast, Waikanae, Lower and Upper Hutt, and Wellington
- k. **Top of the South:** Marlborough, Nelson, Tasman, Kaikoura and Buller, Hokitika, Greymouth
- l. **Canterbury:** Canterbury, Ashburton
- m. **Aorangi:** Timaru, Oamaru, Waimate, Mackenzie District
- n. **Otago:** Central Otago, Dunedin, Balcultha, Alexandra, Wanaka Haast
- o. **Southland:** Queenstown, Invercargill, Te Anau, Fiordland, Gore, Stewart Island

4.4 **Provincial Boundaries:** The boundaries for each Province shall be the geographical areas of the district and city councils specified in clause 4.2 as depicted in **Appendix 1** of this Policy. Should there be any doubt or difference regarding the interpretation of the boundaries, this will be determined by the Board after consultation with the Event Manager and the Relationship Manager(s) in the Region in which the relevant Province(s) are situated.

- 4.5 Each Member Club shall be part of the Province in which its Gymnastics facility, or the facility that it primarily uses, is physically situated. Satellite clubs are required to compete under the province of their host club.
- 4.6 For the purposes of the Gymnastics Nationals only, Member Clubs in a Province shall appoint, in such manner as they determine, a committee on their behalf to be the Provincial National Championships Committee. This Committee shall be responsible for:
- a selecting the team(s) of athletes and Team Officials to represent the Province at the Championships, including determining the criteria for such selection;
 - b communicating with Gymnastics NZ National Office and the Event Manager or Events Coordinator regarding all matters related to the Championships (other than entry fees which are the responsibilities of each Member Club that has athletes desiring to compete in the Championships).

5. Qualification and Eligibility to Compete

- 5.1 **Membership:** Every athlete, judge or coach desiring to compete, officiate or coach in the Gymnastics Nationals must be a current financial member of a Member Club and/or Gymnastics NZ. All Technical Officials must be current financial Technical Members of Gymnastics NZ as defined in Rule 9.1 of the Constitution. In the case of athletes, this membership must be as a competitive gymnast for the full calendar year in which the Gymnastics Nationals are held. Athletes who move from GfA affiliation to competitive affiliation prior to the championships must pay for a full years competitive affiliation. No back payment of affiliation will be applied to competitive athletes who move up a competitive division in Term 1 or 2 prior to the the championships even if they move affiliation membership categories. For the avoidance of doubt, Term 3 and 4 membership should be to the same level or above as which they will compete at Gymnastics Nationals. If competitive membership fails to be maintained for the full calendar year (without extenuating circumstances) the athlete will be ineligible to enter the following year's national championships.
- 5.2 **Eligibility:** In addition to clause 5.1, in order for any athlete, Team Official or Technical Official to be eligible to compete or officiate in the Gymnastics Nationals:
- a Every athlete and Team Official must:

- i. have achieved the applicable Championship and qualification standards and requirements specified by the Technical Committees of Gymnastics NZ at Endorsed Events (in the case of athletes) and specified by Gymnastics NZ (in the case of Team Officials); In the case of overseas based athletes, these standards must have been achieved at comparable events and the application to attend the Gymnastics Nationals (including scores) be reviewed and approved by the Technical Committee and ratified by Gymnastics NZ
- ii. have fully paid any outstanding debts he or she owes to Gymnastics NZ and/or their Member Club, and
- iii. be a minimum of 9 years in the year of competition, and
- iv. not under investigation for an allegation of misconduct or the subject of a ban, suspension or otherwise be serving any other penalty or sanction for disciplinary matters imposed by their Club, an Affiliate, Gymnastics NZ, FIG or any criminal offence punishable by imprisonment of not less than three months that has been imposed by any court in New Zealand.
- v. The athlete's Member Club must have fully paid any outstanding debts it owes to Gymnastics NZ including membership or other fees.

5.3 **Technical Members:** The Event Manager or Events Coordinator shall invite Technical Members upon recommendation of the Technical Committees who have met the criteria for judging and officiating to be Technical Officials for the Championships.

5.4 **Podium and award eligibility:** In addition to the eligibility clauses outlined in 5.2, for an athlete to be eligible to podium or receive an award at the Gymnastics Nationals, athletes affiliated through World Gymnastics to another country other than NZ, who receive their medal alongside the 'closed' prize giving for that event. However, athletes are not eligible to hold the National Championship title.

6. Entries and Entry Fees

- 6.1 **Entries:** Entries for each Provincial team of athletes and Team Officials desiring to participate in the Championships must be completed in full on the prescribed Gymnastics NZ entry system and received by the Gymnastics NZ National Office by the time and date specified.
- 6.2 **Late Entries:** Any entries that do not comply with clause 6.1 shall be regarded as late entries. These may only be accepted at the sole discretion of the Event Manager.
- 6.3 **Entry Fees Set by Board:** The entry fee for each category of athlete for a NZ National Championships will be set by the Board and communicated to all Member Clubs by no later than two months prior to a Championships.
- 6.4 **Payment of Entry Fees:** Each Member Club that has athletes participating in the Championships will be sent an invoice by Gymnastics NZ by no later than one month prior to the Championships. The invoice must be paid by the due date specified on the invoice otherwise the late payment penalty in clause 6.5 will apply.
- 6.5 **Penalties for Late Payment:** Any payment for entries which are made after the due date for payment, will incur the following late payment penalties:
- If an invoice is paid after the due date but within 7 days of the due date, a penalty payment of 2.5% shall be added to the amount owing. For each additional 7 days that the invoice is overdue, an additional penalty payment of 2.5% shall be added to the amount owing.
- 6.6 **Dispensations:** Applications for dispensation must be completed in full on the prescribed Gymnastics NZ form(s) and received by the Gymnastics NZ National Office by the time and date specified on the form(s).
- 6.7 **Changes to Athlete Entries:** Changes to individual entries for athletes may be allowed prior to the commencement of the Championships at the discretion of the Event Manager.
- 6.8 **Substitute athletes:** Substitute athletes are permitted to compete provided they are specified in the entry system either as reserve substitutes or additional individual athlete substitute, and in the case of reserve substitutes the Event Manager is notified of the athlete that is being replaced and the reasons for such replacement as specified in this clause. Reserve athletes must compete in the case of injury, illness or

bereavement of an athlete entered for that team who is unable to compete. Additional individual athletes specified as substitutes may, at the discretion of the team's officials, compete in place of an athlete entered for that team at any time during the Championships. No other substitute will be accepted in the Championships other than those specified as such through the entry system.

- 6.9 **Reimbursement of Entry Fee:** If a substitute athlete (as defined in clause 6.7) competes in a Championships, there shall be no reimbursement of the entry fee.

For avoidance of doubt, no reimbursement of any entry fee will be payable for any athlete who withdraws for non-injury or non-medical reasons.

- 80% of the entry fee will be refunded on receipt of a medical certificate and completed withdrawal form signed by the Event Manager.
- No reimbursement will be payable for any athlete who withdraws at any time for any reason other than those specified in this clause.
- Completed withdrawal forms must be received by the Gymnastics NZ National Office no later than 10 days after the completion of the Championships.

7. Uniforms

- 7.1 **Athletes:** All athletes representing a Province at a Championships must only wear the competition uniform (including training) whilst on the competition floor. A provincial T Shirt or tracksuit jacket should be worn at all other times while at the arena. The competition uniform shall be determined by the Provincial National Committee in alignment with Technical code manuals. It shall be in the colours of the Province as specified in **Appendix 2**.
- 7.2 **Team Officials:** All Team Officials supporting a Provincial team at a Championships must wear a team uniform (such as a tracksuit or other similar attire) at all times whilst in the competition arena. This uniform shall be determined by the Provincial National Committee (or Coordinator where a committee is not present), and be in colours of the Province as specified in **Appendix 2**, or such other colours determined by the Provincial National Committee provided it has been prior approved by the Event Manager (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld).
- 7.3 **Ownership and Costs:** Uniforms will be the property of the Member Clubs, selected athletes, Provincial National Committee (or Coordinator where a committee is not present).
- The cost of uniforms shall be borne by the Member Clubs and/or athletes in the Province as determined by the Provincial National Committee (or Coordinator where a committee is not present).
- 7.4 **Technical Officials:** All Technical Officials are required to wear the prescribed competition uniform as outlined in the disciplines code of points. Current FIG brevet judges are permitted to wear the FIG Brevet judge's uniform.
- 7.4 **Sponsorship:** Sponsorship logos are required to be approved by the Events Manager.

8. Accreditation

- 8.1 No athletes, Team Officials or Technical Officials will be entitled to access the competition facility and associated facilities for a Championships without an Accreditation. Accreditations will be allocated by the Event Manager upon approval of entries and appointment of Technical Officials by Gymnastics NZ. The Event Manager shall determine the number and criteria for allocation of Accreditations.

9. Competition Numbers

- 9.1 Every entry of an athlete to the Gymnastics New Zealand Nationals requires the athlete's GNZ ID number. An entry will not be accepted without such number.
- 9.2 GNZ ID numbers are generated to athletes through Friendly Manager on submission of the athlete's membership through the club.

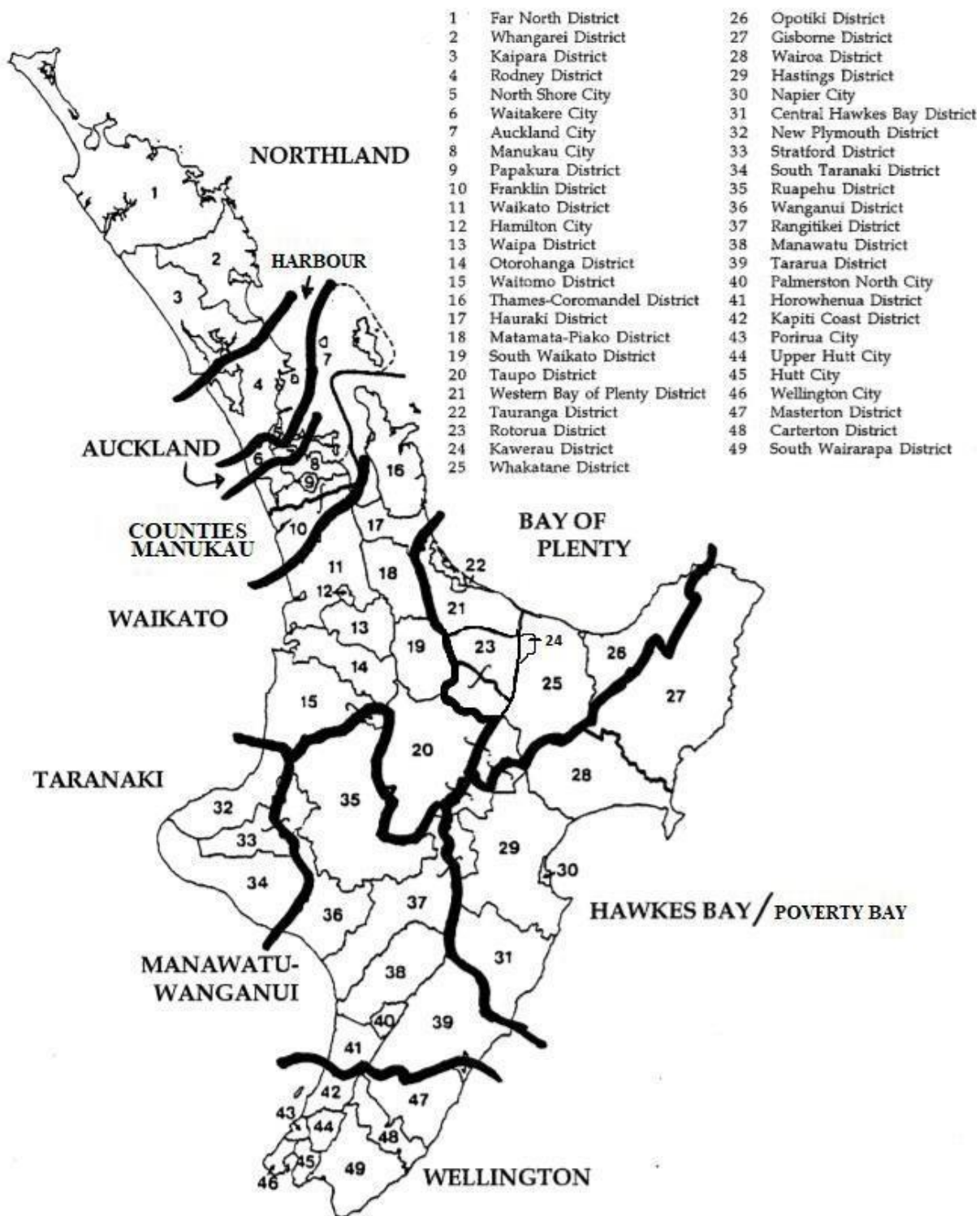
10. Organisation

- 10.1 Gymnastics New Zealand is responsible for the scheduling of the National Championships. Gymnastics New Zealand reserves the right to start or delay the competition or any session, including presentations by up to half an hour.

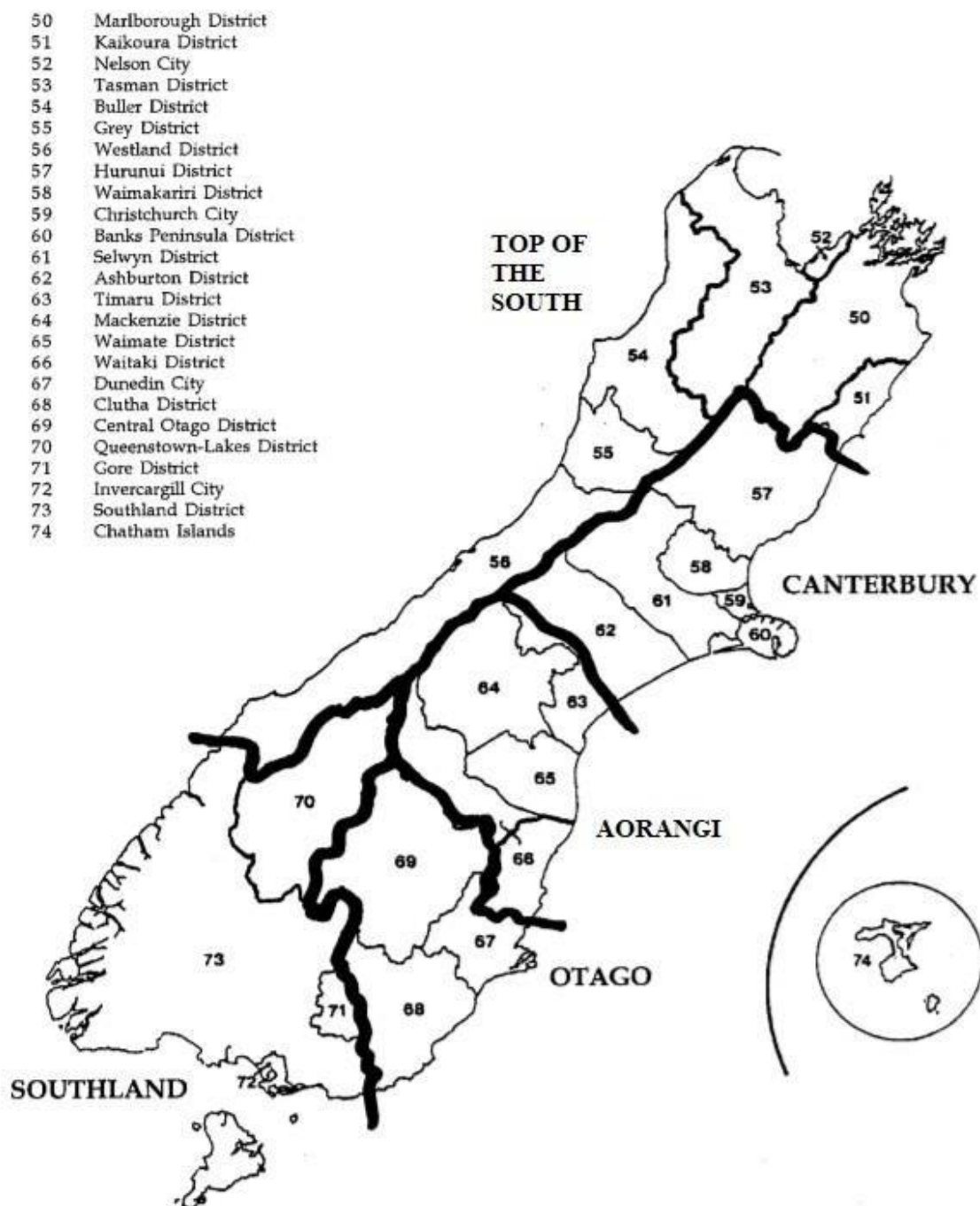
Appendix 1

Provincial Boundaries

**NORTH ISLAND REGION,
DISTRICT AND CITY BOUNDARIES**



SOUTH ISLAND REGION, DISTRICT AND CITY BOUNDARIES



Appendix 2

Provincial Colours

Aorangi	AOR	Green/White/Black
Auckland	AUC	Blue/White, Blue/Silver
Bay of Plenty	BOP	Blue/Gold/White
Canterbury	CAN	Red/Black
Southland	SOU	Maroon/Navy/Gold
Gymsport Manukau	GMA	Teal/White/Black/Orange or Gold
Hawkes Bay/Poverty Bay	HBP	Black/White
Harbour	HAR	Black/Burgundy
Northland	NTH	Navy/Light Blue/White
Otago	OTA	Blue/Gold
Taranaki	TAR	Yellow/Black
Top of the South	TOP	Blue/White/Red
Waikato	WAI	Black/Red/Yellow
Wanganui/Manawatu	WAN	Navy/Green
Wellington	WEL	Black/Gold/White