



***Victoria University Relay
Incorporating the
Wellington Mixed Relay Championships
Saturday 9 May 2026
Queen Elizabeth Park, Mackay's Crossing, Paekakariki***

**NOTE: ABSOLUTELY NO DOGS ARE PERMITTED
ON THE FARM AREA OF QE PARK
EITHER LOOSE, ON LEADS OR IN CARS
SO PLEASE LEAVE YOUR CANINES AT HOME!**

The Victoria University Athletic Club Inc would like to invite your members to the Victoria University Relay & Wellington Mixed Relay Championship events being held at QE Park on Saturday 9 May.

- 1. *The Chocolate Walk*** - open to walkers of all ages. Distance of 6 km. Walkers must estimate their time with the winners being the walkers who are closest to their estimated time. Chocolate prizes for first female and first male.
- 2. *Scratch Race for Boys & Girls U10*** – a scratch race (i.e. mass start) over 1.1 km for athletes under 10 years of age as at 31 December 2026. Registration on the day. Please find the registration table when you arrive at the event and sign up before the start of the race.
- 3. *The U14 Mixed Championship Relay*** - teams of **4 athletes** from the same club comprising 2 males and 2 females running over a 2 km lap. **Running order must be Male, Female, Male, Female.** To allow all children to participate, a club may make up a team with uneven numbers of boys & girls, or athletes from different clubs may combine to form a team. Children who are unable to find a team can race as an individual on lap 1 (registration for individuals on the day at the registration table). Athletes must be under 14 years of age as at 31 December 2026. NOTE: teams of uneven numbers of boys & girls, teams made up of members from different clubs and teams from not within the Wellington centre will not be eligible for Wellington centre championship medals.
- 4. *A fun run for Boys & Girls U7*** - an out & back fun run from the start/finish line over approx. 200 metres.

5. **The Junior, Open, 170 & 220 Wellington Mixed Relay Championships** - teams of **4 athletes** from the same club comprising 2 males and 2 females running over a 3.7 km lap. **Running order must be Male, Female, Male, Female.** All grades start together. Athletes from different clubs may combine to form a team. NOTE: teams made up of members from different clubs and teams from not within the Wellington centre will not be eligible for Wellington centre championship medals.

Junior Mixed Relay Championship: for athletes under 20 years at 31 December 2026.

Open Mixed Relay Championship: for athletes 20 years and older at 31 December 2026. Athletes 14-19 years at 31 December 2026 may compete at the discretion of their clubs.

170 & 220 Mixed Relay Championships: teams have a combined age on the day of at least 170 & 220 years respectively. Age is taken in years on the day (e.g. 59 yrs 11 months = 59). For athletes 20 years and older at 31 December 2026. Athletes 14-19 years at 31 December 2026 may compete at the discretion of their clubs.

6. **The Victoria University Relay** – the relay will comprise of teams of 4 athletes of the same gender 20 years and older at 31 December 2026...i.e. **an open men’s & open women’s grades**, running over a 3.7 km lap. Victoria University Athletic Club Medals will be awarded to the first 3 teams in both grades. There will also be 3rd **“no-rules” grade** in which teams can be mixed male & female, an athlete might run twice (or more) in the same team without penalty, a team might consist of members of different clubs. (No medals will awarded in this grade.) Athletes 14-19 years at 31 December 2026 may compete at the discretion of their clubs.

Baton Colour – to make the relay events easier to follow for the athletes & spectators, each grade will have a different coloured timing baton. Teams in the University Relay will have batons in the VUWAC colours of green, gold and black. Teams in the Mixed Relay Championships will have batons in orange, red white & blue.

University Relay	baton colour
Men	green
Women	gold
"No-rules"	black

Mixed Relay Champs	baton colour
Junior	orange
Open	red
170	white
220	blue

RACE TIMES	EVENT	DETAILS
12.00 pm	Chocolate Walk	6 km walk on the road. 11.30 registration, 12 noon start.
1.00 pm	B&G U10	1.1 km: the start is over the sandhills to the south of the main start/finish area.
1.15 pm	U14 Children's Championship Relay	2 km lap from the start/finish area.
2.15 pm	B&G U7 fun run	200 metres fun run "out and back" from the start/finish. Prize-giving for B&G U10 and U14 Relay to start soon after U7 fun run
2.30 pm	University Relay & Mixed Relay Championships	All grades start together, 3.7 km lap. Medals will be awarded to the first 3 teams in the Men's & Women's events in the University Relay and in each of the four Championship Relays. Prize-giving to start as soon as the final runner completes the event.

Electronic Timing Batons and Changeover:

- Team members must run with the baton in their hand
- Next lap runners must enter the changeover area via the side access chute, NOT VIA THE START/FINISH CHUTE
- Baton changeover must take place **WITHIN** the allocated changeover zone

Entries, fees, rules and other information:

1. Team relay entries must be submitted online by club officials via the online link (this link will be provided in the week before the event). Entries will close 11.59 pm Thursday 7 May. **Please ensure names are entered as they recorded in the GameDay database** e.g. if an athlete's name is David in GameDay don't put Dave in the entry. This helps with checking registrations and when collating results for the centre winter series. And if there are any changes in team members or running order, please let Daryl know asap.
2. **Runners in the Mixed Championship Relays must be registered athletes to be eligible for centre championships & medals. Athletes do not have to be registered to compete in the University Relay.**
3. **In the Mixed Relay Championship events – an athlete can run a lap for only one team across all of the events.**
4. **In the University Relay events – in the Men's & Women's grades, no athlete may run more than one lap for the same team. If an athlete does a 2nd lap for another team in the event, then the result for the team that they do their 1st lap for will not be affected. If the team that the athlete does their 2nd lap for places in the top 3 of its grade, that team will be disqualified.** These rules do not apply for the "No-rules" grade.
5. Clubs will be invoiced for entry fees after the event:
 - \$5 per walker
 - \$26 per team in the Children's Championship Relay; \$6 for individuals
 - \$56 per team in the Junior Championship Relay
 - \$64 per team in the Open/170/220 Championship & Victoria University Relays
 - No entry fee for the U10 and U7 events.
6. Runners must wear club uniform with the team race bib as allocated by your club on the front of singlet.
7. Runners must follow all instructions from marshals and Wellington Centre officials.
8. The course will be marked with a combination of tape, marker poles, arrows, cones and marshals. Where 2 marker poles are placed as a gate, runners must run between the marker poles. Where 1 marker pole is used, runners must run within 5m either side of the marker pole. Failure to comply with a marshal's instruction or not following the correct course may result in disqualification.
9. Protests and Appeals: "World Athletics Competition & Technical Rules - TR8" covers protests and appeals. In the first instance, any protest must be made to the Race Referee within 30 minutes of the finish of the race.
10. If a runner cannot complete their lap, they can be replaced by another member of the team but this will incur a 7 minute time penalty.
11. The course is not suitable for bare foot running; runners who run in bare feet do at their own risk.
12. There is no water available and no shelter (unless provided by your club tent) so come prepared. First aid is available at the Race HQ tent which is adjacent to the start/finish.
13. Please take caution when driving in the paddock and especially watch out for kids.