

New Zealand Championship 2021 Newsletter

WELCOME TO DUNEDIN 2021. VENUE IS MORE FM ARENA – 18/19/20 MARCH 2021

Championships will be held in the More FM Arena (Corner Portsmouth Drive and Teviot Street) which is an indoor venue and will have carpet tiles laid so the marchers can wear boots. **(No heel or toe plates please)**

You will need to enter through the door marked for the Arena, (Which will be signposted) not the entrance for the Edgar Centre.

OFFICIAL HOTEL

Scenic Circle Southern Cross

SPECTATORS

All spectators in main stand must hold a valid ticket.

Tickets will be available through **Ticketek**. It is hoped that this will be up and running early next week. As most of you will be aware they have a service charge. Please go to the Marching Otago website once Ticketek is Live.

Entry cost on Friday is \$5 per person, plus service charge.

Entry cost on Saturday is \$25 adult, \$15 child (aged 5 to 12), plus service charge.

2 day Pass \$30.00 plus service charge. (Taking a two day pass eliminates one service fee.)

Children under 5 are free entry on Saturday but they are not guaranteed a seat and may need to sit on your knee. If they need a seat a child ticket should be purchased.

Spectators will be directed upstairs with provision for Wheelchairs etc to come in at the ground floor level.

TEAM SEATING

Seating for Teams in the West Stand will be free and includes Coaches, Chaperones, Manager & Team Treasurers. Teams will be given a pass that will be required for entry into the venue.

PRACTICE VENUES

There are **NO practice facilities** available at the Arena although you are able to hire a court in the next door Edgar Centre. (Bookings at the Edgar Centre will be a must). **We will be organising a warm-up area, Again no heel or toeplates please .**

The DCC have provided the following list of grounds. Please notify the Secretary of Marching Otago if you wish to use any of the below including dates and times.

Kettle Park (St. Clair), Miller Park (Green Island), Montecillo (Mornington),

Nairn Street (Kaikorai), Prospect (North Dunedin), Victoria Road Car Park, **Concrete** (St. Kilda)

All these have NO toilets.

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Ellis Park (Glenross), Emerson Park (Concord), Jubilee Park (Belleknoves) **All have toilets.**

D.C.C. have requested that if you are using any of the above – No hammering of Discs into ground. You may use a small dot of water based paint. Please be aware contractors maybe working at some grounds as they transition from Summer to winter sports. Please also be aware that you may have to share on Saturday morning with other teams/Sports

The Artificial Turf at Logan Park is **not** to be used and Bathgate school is also **unavailable.**

MUSIC

Team Music can be sent to the following address marchingotagomusic@gmail.com

To give Sound Technician time to load and test please have this done by 28th February 2021.

SOUVENIRS

Early Bird Orders close on the 14th February, any orders received after this date runs the risk of souvenirs being sold out. Orders will only be accepted on the official souvenir order form, which should be sent to the email address on the form.

OFFICIAL OPENING

There will be an official opening with a March Past at the venue on Thursday afternoon.

Teams to present dressed at Arena for 3PM Thursday with official proceedings to start with March Past at 4pm, followed by National Anthem and Official welcome.

“Marching Otago would prefer to see all teams in uniform for March Past, if this is not possible then the team should be dressed uniformly with a least one member in full uniform.”

PHOTOGRAPHER

Keaphotos Photographer will be available during the championship competition to make photographs of your teams competing and also as individuals / groups in a mini studio setup for the purpose. Photos will be available via a special gallery, a link to such will be provided during the event. From the gallery you will be able to select photos, pay and download the high resolution files for printing. The price to download the files will be \$15.00 per file. Formal team photos laid out with names and other details can be arranged during the event, these are supplied on high quality pro satin paper at 11”x14” for \$35 each. Names and other details need to be supplied via email after the event. The page link will be www.keaphotos.com/marchingnats

TRANSPORT

Dunedin Airport is located 30mins drive south of the City. Rental cars/Vans are available on site as well as shuttle bus and taxi service to any destination in the city. Shuttle bus prices do vary a little depending on the area you wish to go, but most charge \$20.00 each for two or more people to the central city. Dunedin has a public transport system and taxi services. To drive from one side of city to another excluding Port Chalmers, the Peninsula or from Mosgiel takes a maximum of 20 minutes. Some trips could take a little longer if travelling at peak times.

TAXIS

DUNEDIN Taxis 4777 777. Southern City/Mosgiel Taxis 4766 300 or 4771 771.

Nab a Cab 477 3366. Green Cabs 0800 464 7336

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

The After Hours Doctor and Emergency Pharmacy are situated in Filleul Street in Dunedin and Dunedin Hospital is in Great King Street. All are approximately 5 minutes from the venue.

SUPERMARKETS

Countdown Andersons Bay (Andersons Bay Road) and Pak 'n Save (on Hillside Road) cover the South Dunedin Area and for those staying a bit further afield Countdown Mosgiel and New World (Mosgiel) cover the area further south. In town you have Countdown Central and New World.

FOOD

The Venue will be operating a Cafe with a varied menu.

Teams can bring a packed lunch. There will be no pre orders of lunches available

ABSOLUTLEY No commercially packaged food eg: Subway, McDonalds, KFC etc. and **NO** Chilly Bins

FIRST AID

First Aiders will be seated in the front of the Arena in Hi Vis vests.

FLOOR PLAN

This will be released shortly in a separate mail out.

CHANGING ROOMS

As these are on located on the wooden courts - **No Heel or toe plates or practising on wooden courts.**

BOOT REPAIRS

Located at the Mornington Shopping Centre at rear of adjacent shops next to the Countdown Supermarket in Mailer Street. Opening Hours Friday 9am to 5.30pm. Saturday 10.am to 2pm. Telephone 453 5571.

GIVEAWAY

Once again Harraways would like to support marchers with a healthy breakfast during the National Championships. There are free individual sachets available of assorted flavours for judges, teams, officials and supporters to pick up at the opening ceremony if desired. We would like to thank Harraways for once again thinking of us and our nutritional needs.

Marching Otago looks forward to hosting you all at the 2021 NZ Championships