

Kennett Cup Steeples - Saturday 18th July 2026

Venue – Rawhiti Domain, entrance opposite 374 Keyes Road (not Shaw Avenue)

Parking – The grass parking area to the right of entrance will be unlocked.

Archery “Danger” - should this be happening on the day, please DO NOT walk or run through their area.

Prizes of \$200 each to the winning Open Men’s and Open Women’s Teams.

Programme of Events

Race	Race Grade	Distance	Start Time
Race 1	Boys U16, U18M Para, MM65+	4.5km – three full laps	12.10pm
	Open Men, Senior Men, MM35-49, MM50-64, U18M, U20M	6.0km – four full laps	
Race 2	MW50-64, MW 65+	4.5km – three full laps	12.50pm
	Open Women, Senior Women, MW35-49, U18W, U20W	6.0km – four full laps	
Race 3	Boys U14 Girls U14, Girls U16	3.0km – two full laps alternative start line	1.30pm
Race 4	Boys U10, Boys U12 Girls U10, Girls U12	2.2km – two half laps alternative start line	1.55pm
	Open Boys and Girls Walk		
Social Hour – The Turf Bar, Parklands Tavern, 6 Inwoods Road		3.30pm onwards	

Host and Duty Club: Christchurch Avon Athletic Club, please meet at 9.30am to set up the course. Four marshals will be needed for Races 3 & 4 please.

Race Director: John Gamblin johngam@xtra.co.nz

Centre Rep: Shona Brown

Entries:

- **Club Race Secretaries** should enter club athletes using this link <https://www.athletic.net/CrossCountry/meet/274546/register>
This event supports the entry of Whanau Community Runners by Club Race Secretaries.
- **Community Runners** should enter using this link <https://www.athletic.net/CrossCountry/meet/274546/register>
Please note that payment is required through the Athletic.Net payment portal at the time of entering. The system times out after 15 minutes and if no payment is completed, the entire entry disappears.
- Ages for Senior & younger taken as age at 31/12/2026. Masters are 35 or older on the day.
- **Enter by:** 8pm Monday 13th July at 8pm.
- **Late entries** will be accepted on Race Day only up to 30 minutes before race start. Please bring the correct cash or the ability to do an online payment before you race.
- **Late Entry Fee:** \$20 U/18 and older; \$10 for Under 16 and younger
- **Registered Entry Fee:** \$12 U18 and older; \$7 for Under 16 and younger
- **Whanau Entry Fee:** \$12 U18 and older; \$7 for Under 16 and younger
- **Community Entry Fee:** \$20 U/18 and older; \$10 for Under 16 and younger
- **Pay** into the Christchurch Avon Athletic Club bank account: **03-0830-0321241-000**

Course:

- A 1.5k main lap with a shortened 1.1k lap for younger athletes.
- There are areas of both flat and undulating small hills with a base of soil or sand covered by grass.
- The course is suitable for spike wearers, but spikes are not essential, even if it’s raining.
- Each lap has two hurdles. Runners can go over each hurdle or take a long cut around the far end of each hurdle.

Medals – Kennett Cup Steeples medals will be presented after each event to the first three in each male and female grade: U10, U12, U/14, U/16, U/18, U/20, Open, Senior, M35-49, M50-64, M65+.

Team Competitions - will be held for Open Men, Open Women, Senior Men, Senior Women, MM35-49, MW 35-49, MM50-64, MW50+, MM65+, U18M & U20M combined, U18W & U20W combined, Boys U/16, Girls U/14 & U/16 combined, Boys U/14, Boys U/10 & U/12 combined, Girls U/10 & U/12 combined.

- First four to count in all Kennett Cup Steeples teams races. If no four-person team finishes, then the counting team number will reduce to three (reducing to two, if no three person teams finish). The team's title will be awarded, even if only one team finishes.
- Prizes of \$200 each will be awarded to the winning Open Men's and Open Women's Teams along with the Trophy for each event.

Trophies: the following trophies will be presented on the day and then collected back in for engraving.

Open Men's Winner – Skellerup Cup	Men's U18 & U20 Team – L.E. Fox Shield
Open Men 1 st Canterbury Runner - Olliver Cup	Boy's Under 16 Team – Fye Palmer Shield
Open Men's Team – Kennett Challenge Cup	Open Women's Winner – Kennett Challenge Trophy
Men's U18 & U20 Winner – Skellerup Cup	Open Women's Team – Kennett Cup Steeples Cup



This event counts towards the following competitions:

- The Winter Club of the Year - [2026 Winter Club of the Year Information](#)
 - [2026 Winter Club of the Year Points to date.pdf](#) – click on the link at the bottom of the page to see the detailed workings for each race within an Excel file.
- The Champions of the Season - [2026 Champions of the Winter Season Information](#)
 - [2026 Champions of the Winter Season Points to date.pdf](#)
- “The Passport” for U16 and younger athletes - [The Passport Rules for 2026](#)

[2026 Event Race Calls for Race Secretaries](#)

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