

Points Trophy Calculation for 2013

The points trophy represents club commitment and achievement in a season. Attendance at events, helping at events and overall walking are all considered in awarding this cup. The standings are published on the Internet as are the rules for achieving points. The following are how the points will be awarded during the 2013 season –

- Attendance at all competitive club events be they open handicap, estimated time or championships – 2 points (this includes time keeper and other helpers).
- Attendance at Taranaki road champs – 2 points.
- Unless the program changes, there is no clash with National Road champs in 2013, therefore no points are awarded. If this changes and an Athlete is unable to attend a club event then 4 points are to be awarded.
- Racing in the Open walk – 2 points
- Helping on the day of the Open walk – 1 point
- Judging at Taranaki road champs – 2 points.
- Judging at Open walk – 2 points.
- Participation in events where all Club members can participate – for 2013 these are –
 - Ekiden Relay – 2 points.
 - Marton to Wanganui Relay – 2 points.
- At open handicap events, we race in 3 main categories (Senior Men, Women and 60+) the results are published in the paper and on the Internet in that format. This data is reworked for the Points trophy to try to make it fair for everybody. A percentage difference between estimate and actual times is calculated. The highest 6 differentials will get 6 points, 5 points and down to 1 point. This will be in addition to attendance points. This will include all walkers together in this calculation – that is all Seniors and Vets.
- At club championships, we will have a closed handicap system. Everybody starts at the gun, but there are still handicap times for all walkers – these handicap times will be used for calculation of the points the same way as in the open handicap system.
- The Norm Read Memorial is an estimated time event. For this and all estimated time events the points will be calculated based on closest to estimate. The best 6 estimates will be awarded the points – 6 points down to 1.
- The Taranaki Road champs, although not a club event, will also have a closed handicap calculation. Every walker in the club is able to walk A or B grade and therefore in relation to the Points trophy it will be treated the same as Club championships. Best 6 performances get the points accordingly. There is one proviso – A grade walkers must walk 10K; all B grade walkers under 60 must walk 10km. The 60 plus B graders must walk 5km unless they inform me at least 1 week prior to the event that they intend to walk 10km.

- *Please note that this is correct at this time, where all members of the Club are automatically members of Athletics NZ. There are possible changes in the near future where individuals maybe responsible for their own membership to Athletics NZ. If this happens then we may have registered and non registered club members. This will need discussing by the Committee if this is to occur.*
- Where the Program has set 10K for Seniors and 5K for 60 plus, then a Senior walking 5K can only receive attendance points, they will not be considered in handicap calculations.
- Last event of the season to get points is the Richard Park Memorial (Wind down). This will attract double points. The event will be an Open handicap event as per usual with the first 6 people over the line getting 6 down to 1 point. The Richard Park Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the first over the line. This event will also be an estimated time one, with the 6 closest times to estimate getting 6 points down to 1. There will be 2 points for attendance as per usual. Results from this event will not be published other than the winner of the Richard Park memorial. The result will be known only at the prize giving when the Points trophy is awarded.
- Where a person is new to the club or have been absent for a season or so, and their first event is a handicap event, then they will only receive attendance points. This is only for their first event, once the person has a history of times then the handicapper can calculate times the same as all other participants. All walkers will be eligible for points in an estimated time event as long as they walk the correct distance for their age group.