



Official's Bulletin - November



**ASIA PACIFIC
LACROSSE**
MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP
WELLINGTON, NZ | 2026



Key dates

2026

Thurs 1 January

Public Holiday

Fri 2 January

Public Holiday

Mon 5 January

Last day for officials and teams to arrive

Tue 6 January

Pōwhiri (welcome)

Competition - Day 1

Competition - Day 2

Wed 7 January

Competition - Day 3

Thur 8 January

Quarter Finals

Fri 9 January

Semi-Finals

Sat 10 January

Finals

Sun 11 January

Awards & closing ceremony

Mon 12 January

Teams and officials depart

Sat 17- Mon 19 January

Wellington Anniversary Weekend Public Holiday

If officials wish to stay onsite because they arrive early (from 2 January) or depart later, this can be organised but it will be on a user-pays basis.

For more information on the tournament schedule and draw check out our website www.aplacrosse2026.com



OFFICIALS



 AUSTRALIA

Bradley Edwards

Steve Green

Albert Lai (APLU)

James Suffolk

 CANADA

Adam Crowe

Ryan Nose

 GERMANY

Alex Frey

 HONG KONG, CHINA

Dennis Cheng

Michael Tse

 JAPAN

Kota Ito

Yusuke Kato

 KOREA

DongJun Kim

Soo Kyung Kim

Wonki Park

 NETHERLANDS

Jasper van der Hors

 NEW ZEALAND

John Brockelbank

Bill Hollins (APLU)

Ursula Johnson (WL)

 SCOTLAND

Rob Powell

official's souvenirs



what you'll receive

All officials will receive :

- 1 souvenir tournament shirt
- 1 hat
- 1 water bottle
- 1 drawstring bag

what you need to bring with you

- running shoes/trainers
- sunglasses
- casual clothes
- toiletries and medications



DRAW

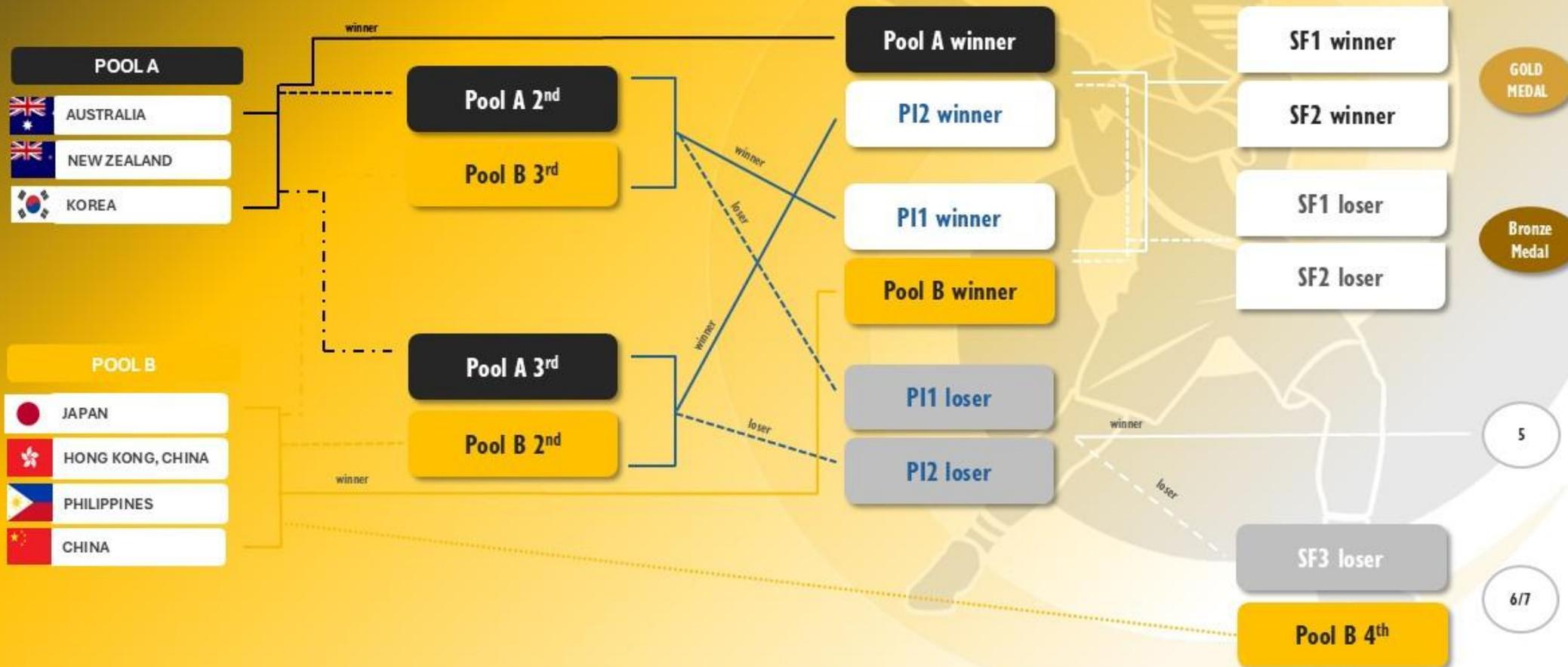


Pool Play

Play-ins

Semi-finals

Finals



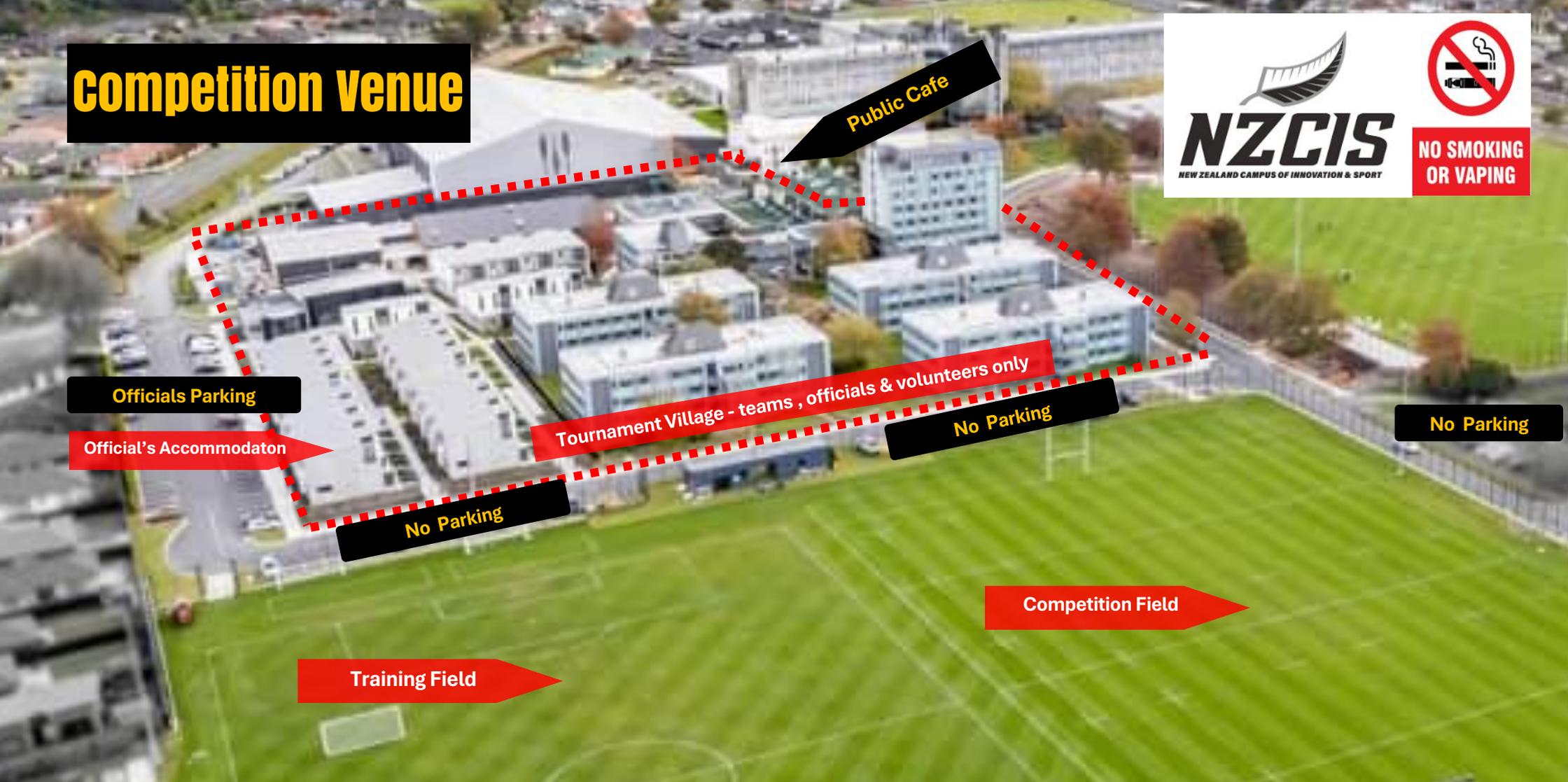


SCHEDULE

POOL PLAY	TUESDAY 6 JAN	GAME #1 POOL A NZL v AUS 10AM	GAME #2 POOL B JPN v HKG 1PM	GAME #3 POOL B PHI v CHN 4PM	POOL A AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND KOREA
	WEDNESDAY 7 JAN	GAME #4 POOL A JPN v CHN 10AM	GAME #5 POOL B NZL v KOR 1PM	GAME #6 POOL B HKG v PHI 4PM	
	THURSDAY 8 JAN	GAME #7 POOL A HKG v CHN 10AM	GAME #8 POOL B JPN v PHI 1PM	GAME #9 POOL A AUS v KOR 4PM	
PLAY-IN	FRIDAY 9 JAN	GAME #10 PLAY-IN A2 v B3 10AM	GAME #11 PLAY-IN B2 v A3 1PM	JAPAN HONG KONG, CHINA PHILIPPINES CHINA	
SEMIFINALS & PLACEMENT	SATURDAY 10 JAN	GAME #12 SEMIFINAL 1 B1 v WG10 9AM	GAME #13 SEMIFINAL 2 A1 v WG11 12PM	GAME #14 5TH PLACE LG10 v LG11 3PM	
	SUNDAY 11 JAN	GAME #15 6TH PLACE LG14 v B4 9AM	GAME #16 BRONZE 12PM	GAME #17 GOLD 3PM	MEDAL GAMES



Competition Venue



New Zealand Campus of Innovation and Sport (NZCIS), Trentham, Upper Hutt is an innovative opportunity to locate this lacrosse tournament at the new home of high performance sport in Wellington.

Set in park like grounds, NZCIS is a world class facility for athletes, providing a wide range of state-of-the-art facilities.

The campus has been used as the home-base for the Swedish Women's National team at the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023; the English Rugby, Welsh Rugby, and Adelaide Football teams when visiting New Zealand; as well as the New Zealand All Blacks and Black Ferns Rugby teams.

On site facilities

Cafe

There is a public café onsite which will be open during the tournament.

Parking

There is **LIMITED** parking onsite for official's vehicles. Off site parking is available on nearby streets.

Liability and Travel insurance

When coming to New Zealand, Officials must ensure that all of their members are appropriately insured, including coverage for travel, liability, accidents, and repatriation.

Some visa categories require you to hold insurance as a condition of your visa.

The LOC will provide only basic first-aid medical services at the venue.

Before you buy travel insurance, check what cover it provides. New Zealand has reciprocal health agreements with Australia.

[Reciprocal health agreements](#) – Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand.

If you have an accident while in New Zealand The Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) covers everyone, including visitors while in New Zealand, who are injured in an accident in New Zealand.

[Find out what injuries are covered | ACC](#)

Check COVID-19 cover

Before you buy travel insurance, we recommend you check what cover it provides for COVID-19-related events, including medical treatment, the cost of changing your travel arrangements or paying for accommodation if you need to isolate.

Insurance

All officials must have appropriate accident and health insurance cover in order to officiate at the Championship

Currency & paying

New Zealand's unit of currency is the dollar (NZD\$). All major credit cards are accepted in New Zealand, with Visa and Mastercard the most widely used. Many retailers in main centres also have Apple Pay.

Currency exchange

You can exchange foreign currency for New Zealand currency at banks, some hotels and Bureau de Change kiosks, which are in international airports and most city centres.

Banking

Bank opening hours in New Zealand vary, but branches are generally open from 9.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Some are also open during weekends. Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) are available at bank branches, along main shopping streets and in malls. International credit cards and ATM cards will work as long as they have a four-digit PIN encoded. Check with your bank before leaving home.

Arriving in New Zealand - Immigration and customs Requirements

New Zealand Traveller Declaration

Everyone travelling into New Zealand needs to complete a free [New Zealand Traveller Declaration \(NZDT\)](#).

You can start your NZDT at a time that suits you either online or via the NZTD app. The declaration is free and everyone travelling into New Zealand needs to complete one. **The earliest you can submit your declaration is 24 hours before you start your journey to New Zealand.** If you are a New Zealand visa or NZeTA holder, you will still need to complete a NZTD.

The New Zealand Traveller Declaration collects travellers' Customs, Immigration, and Biosecurity information. The online form aims to help arriving international passengers move through airports more efficiently and improve the safety and security of New Zealand.

Every passenger carrying NZ\$10,000 or more in cash and/or foreign currency equivalent must notify a Customs Officer.

Your declaration will be checked when you arrive and any goods you've declared will be inspected by a Ministry for Primary Industries Officer after you've cleared Passport Control and collected your bags. Your bags may be sniffed by detector dogs, X-rayed or searched.

Biosecurity

Biosecurity New Zealand aims to prevent the entry of pests and diseases which could endanger New Zealand's important agriculture and horticulture industries, as well as our natural environment.

It is important to remember that if you have any fruit, vegetable, animal, or plant items with you, or packed in your luggage, you must declare them or dispose of them in airport amnesty bins.

Before leave home, you should clean all sports equipment to remove soil and grass. This will assist with border processes when you enter New Zealand.

Protect NZ from foot-and-mouth disease (FMD)

Foot-and-mouth disease is in many countries, including Malaysia, China and most recently Indonesia, but thankfully not yet New Zealand.

In order to protect New Zealand against Foot and Mouth disease all arriving travellers must:

- Declare all goods, equipment, and food that could carry unwanted pests or diseases into New Zealand.
- Declare when they have been in contact with livestock.
- Not bring in animal products such as meat.
- Clean footwear before coming to New Zealand if you have visited a farm overseas.

- Remember that there is a one week stand down from when a person arrives from an overseas country that has Foot and Mouth disease to when they can go onto a NZ farm or contact susceptible animals in NZ.

Protected animal and plant items

Some countries require a Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) permit to bring certain animal and plant items into the country. New Zealand is one of those countries. A CITES permit allows you to move protected species across international borders. This includes items you bring back to New Zealand from overseas. Please allow plenty of time if you need to get a permit.

CITES is designed to regulate trade in endangered, threatened, or exploited species. This includes more than 40,000 species of animals and plants.

For more information

For the most up to date immigration and customs information please refer to

Immigration - www.immigration.govt.nz/

Customs - www.customs.govt.nz/

www.aucklandairport.co.nz/information/arriving-from-overseas

Auckland International Airport - Transfer to Domestic Terminal

Transferring to Air New Zealand flights

If you are transferring to an Air New Zealand domestic flight within New Zealand you need to collect your luggage and clear Customs and Biosecurity. If you have more than 60 minutes before your scheduled departure time then please go to the Air New Zealand domestic transfer desk on the ground floor of the international terminal.

If you are within 60 minutes of your scheduled check in time then please proceed directly to the domestic terminal using the free terminal transfer bus which comes every 15 minutes or follow the sign-posted walkway.

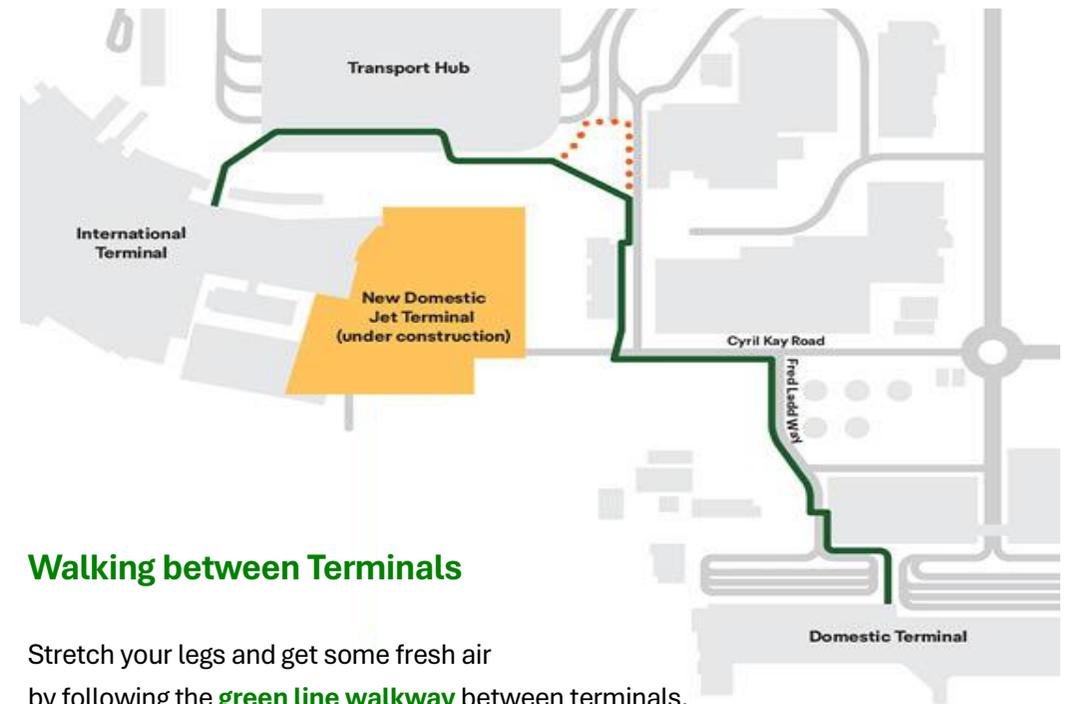
If your checked in luggage weighs more than 20kg, or carry on luggage more than 7kg, an excessive luggage charge may apply.

Transferring to a Jetstar flight

If you are transferring to a Jetstar please proceed directly to check-in at the domestic terminal once you have collected your luggage and cleared Customs and Biosecurity.

Catch the inter-terminal bus

A **free inter-terminal** bus service operates every 15 minutes between 5am and 11pm, with the trip taking approximately ten minutes. At the international terminal, the bus leaves from Bus Stop B at the Transport Hub, At the domestic terminal, outside Door 2 from Bus Stop C.



Walking between Terminals

Stretch your legs and get some fresh air

by following the **green line walkway** between terminals.

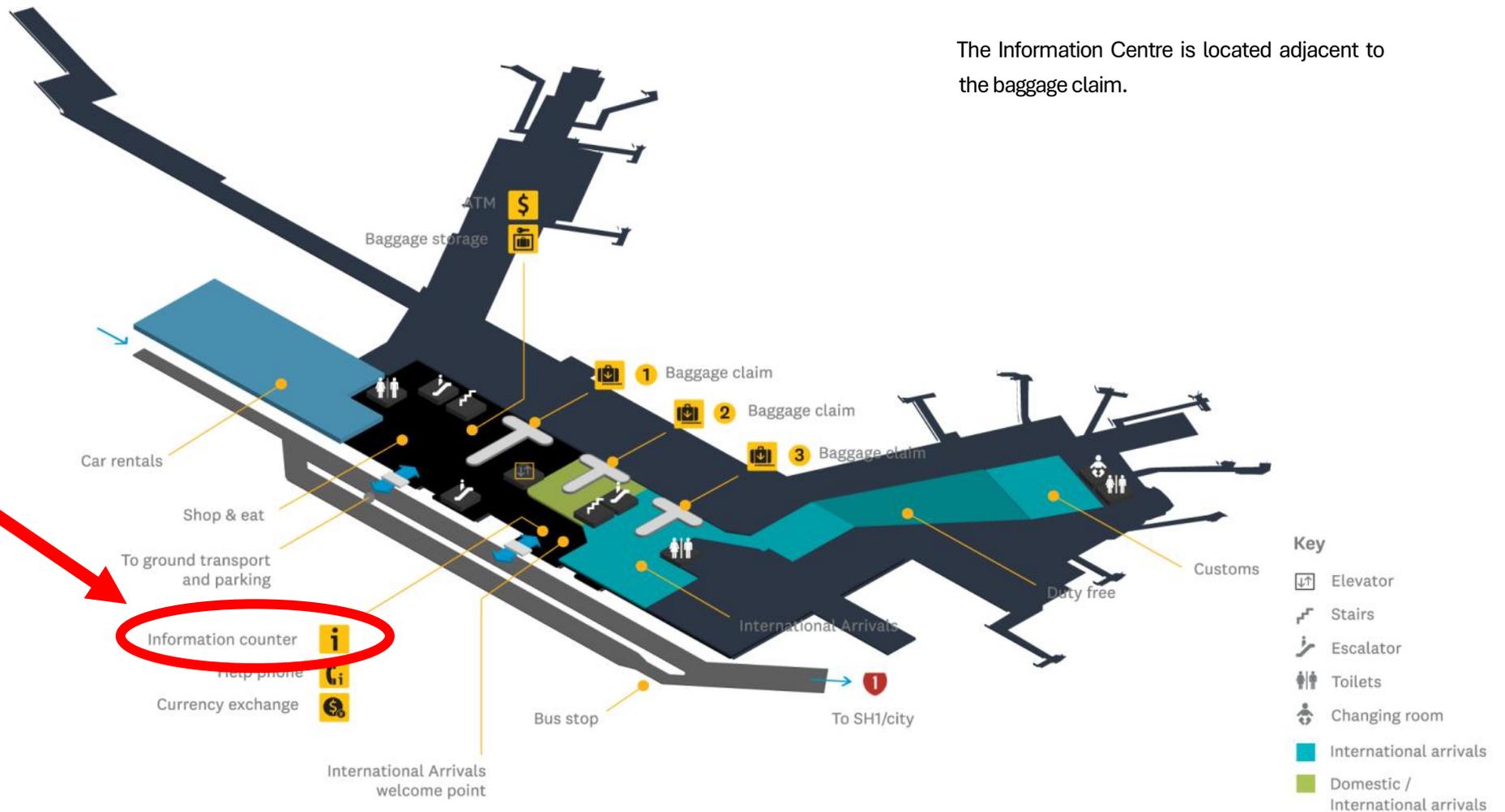
The 950m walkway is well marked with improved shade and shelter, and, in most places, follows a green line on the footpath. The route takes about 10 to 15 minutes.

Wellington Airport - Meeting Point

Ground

Teams will be met at the Information Centre on the Ground Floor of Wellington Airport.

The Information Centre is located adjacent to the baggage claim.



Local Transport



Public Transport

Bus

Wellington City is served by Metlink buses. Buses will replace the usual trains between Wellington to Upper Hutt, for the duration of the tournament.

Route 83 from Wellington to Lower Hutt and then a Route 110 to Fergusson Drive, approximately 1km (15 mins) from NZCIS.



Snapper is an electronic payment card that provides public transport customers with a faster, cheaper, and more flexible payment and travel option.

Snapper cards can be purchased from many locations. <https://www.metlink.org.nz/getting-started/>

Official Transport

Transport will be provided for officials on arrival to and departure from Wellington Airport to NZCIS.

Vans will be available for use during the tournament on a booking system.

Private Transport

Taxis

There are several taxi companies which service the area.

<https://www.wellingtonairport.co.nz/transport/taxis-shuttles/>

Rental Cars

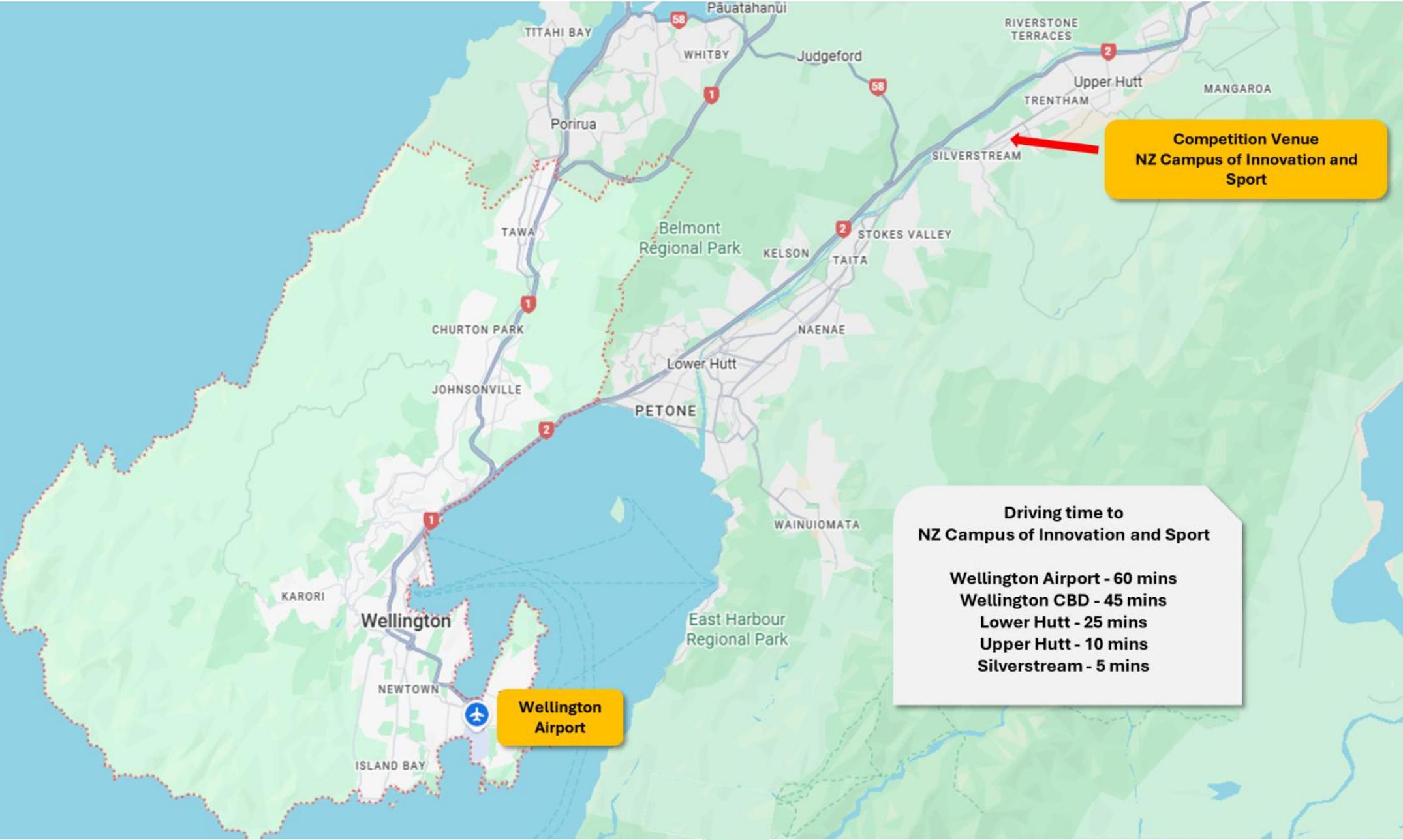
Rental cars are available at Wellington Airport. <https://www.wellingtonairport.co.nz/transport/rental-cars/>



App-based

Both Uber and Didi, app-based ride-hailing services, are available in the Wellington region.

Wellington and the Hutt valley



Meals

Teams & officials meals

Meals will be provided 3 times per day in the dining hall providing a range of hot and cold options.

Breakfast: 6.30am - 9.30am

Lunch: 11.30pm - 2.30pm

Dinner: 5:30pm - 8:30pm

To accommodate all teams, meal times will be rostered to ensure teams playing after meal times have sufficient time to eat and prepare for games.

The Village Lounge, for rest and relaxation, will include a snack area.

Departure day meal-times will differ to accommodate the transport logistics to get all the teams to the airport.

Accommodation kitchenette facilities

Kitchenette facilities include:

- Fridge
- Dishdraw
- Microwave
- 2 Hobs
- Magic bullet
- Crockery & cutlery

Closing Function - BBQ

The final evening meal of the tournament will be a BBQ in traditional “Kiwi” style. BBQ meats, summer ham, salads and the original Kiwi pavlova.

Cash Bar: 6.00pm - 10.00pm

BBQ: 7.00pm - 9.00pm



Pōwhiri - Opening Ceremony

A pōwhiri is a Māori welcoming ceremony, involving whaikōrero (formal speeches), waiata (singing) and kai (food).

Teams, officials, volunteers, VIPs and guests will be seated in the Greenroom no later than 15 minutes prior to the start, with the exception of 2 members from each team and the officials who will be the official representatives of the visitors.

A traditional pōwhiri begins at the waharoa (entrance), starting with an initial karanga usually conducted by the kaikaranga (women caller). The manuhiri (teams and official representatives) are welcomed into the area by a kaikaranga who begins the karanga, to which the manuhiri kaikaranga will respond. The manuhiri will move up slowly behind the kaikaranga into the marae.

This removes the tapu (sacredness) from the manuhiri, who will be referred to as waewae tapu (sacred feet) if they are first-time visitors to the marae.

Wero/Waerea

The wero is a challenge that attempts to determine the intent of the manuhiri, which, once established,

clears the way for the rest of the welcome ceremony. They may carry a taiaha (spear-like weapon) and will lay down a token, often a small branch, for a male representative of the manuhiri to pick up to show you come in peace.

Whaikōrero - the formal speeches

The haukāinga (local people of a marae) will initiate the whaikōrero, followed by a waiata (song) that the tangata whenua sings in support of their speaker(s). The manuhiri (guests) then follow the same kawa (protocol).

The opening of the tournament, including the athlete and official oaths, will be occur during the Whaikōrero.

Koha

After manuhiri have sung their waiata, a koha (gift/offering) is presented, being placed in front of the haukāinga. Symbolising thanks to the hosts for the manaakitanga (hospitality) extended to them. The process then moves back to the haukāinga who close the whaikōrero proceedings.

Hariru/hongi

Nearing the ending of the pōwhiri, the manuhiri will move across to hongī the haukāinga. This involves the shaking of hands and a gentle pressing of noses, possibly also a kiss on the cheek, signifying the

sacred breath of life – the mauri (life principle).



Kai (fsood)

After the pōwhiri, kai (food) will be shared, keeping with the Māori tradition of manaakitanga (hospitality). As a sign of respect, manuhiri are fed first; kaumātua (elders) and tamariki (children) next, followed by the pakeke (adults).

Recognising the need for teams to continue to prepare for the tournament, only the VIPs and guests will gather in the Village Lounge after the formalities in the Greenroom for kai.



**Wellington - the
“coolest little capital in
the world”**

Wellington is the capital city of New Zealand, located at the southern-most end of the North Island which has many cultural



Public holidays

New Year

New Year’s Eve is celebrated in Wellington, often with fireworks at the waterfront. 1 & 2 January are public holidays so there will be few restaurants and cafes open.

Wellington Anniversary Day

Wellington Anniversary Day commemorates the arrival of the first settler ship, the Aurora, to Petone Beach.

In 2026, this falls on Monday 19 January.

Weather

While January in Wellington is officially the middle of summer, our weather can change rapidly, with four seasons in one day being common.

Wellington is renown for it’s wind. The region experiences frequent gusty northerlies, which gives Wellington a reputation for being one of the windiest cities in the world.

- Daily average temperature: 20°C
- Average monthly rainfall: 59mm

Pack layers, a waterproof jacket, and warm clothing.



what to see and do



Weta Workshop - Wellington City

Academy Award-winning special-effects and props company Weta Workshop has been responsible for bringing the likes of The Lord of the Rings, The Hobbit, King Kong, District 9 and Thor:Ragnarok to life. Learn how they do it on entertaining 45-minute guided tours, starting every half-hour; bookings recommended. There's also a tour to see the Thunderbirds Are Go miniatures stage. Weta Workshop is 36km from NZCIS.

<https://www.wetanz.com/>



Te Papa - Wellington City

New Zealand's national museum reflects the country's identity, history, and culture. It takes pride of place on Wellington's waterfront. The largest museum in the country takes pride of place on Wellington's waterfront. At 36,000 square metres and six stories high, it contains a vast repository of collections. It's home to more than 800,000 artworks, objects, and specimens. It curates cutting-edge interactive exhibitions with a contemporary, and bicultural approach. Te Papa is a museum experience that's accessible to all.

<https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/>



Zealandia - Wellington City

This groundbreaking ecosanctuary is nooked into a valley in the hills about 2km west of downtown Wellington. Living wild within the fenced, predator-free habitat are more than 30 native bird species, including rare little spotted kiwi, takahe, saddleback, hihi and kaka, as well as NZ's little dinosaur, the tuatara. An excellent exhibition relays NZ's natural history and world-renowned conservation story.

<https://www.visitzealandia.com/>



Brewtown - Upper Hutt

Brewtown is a one-stop for lovers of craft beer, hearty food, and entertainment. Spread across 6,000 sqm of Upper Hutt's former Dunlop Tyres site, Brewtown brings together some of the region's top breweries. Along with great eateries, there's a 4,500 sqm entertainment centre offering mini golf, ice skating, paintball, ten-pin bowling, cart racing, and a trampoline park.

<https://www.brewtown.co.nz/>



White Water Rafting - Upper Hutt

Te Awa Kairangi/Hutt river River Grade 3 Wilderness Rafting. A world class experience, the closest wilderness river tour to any city in New Zealand. You will be astonished with the wild and rugged breathtaking scenery of the ancient untouched native forest throughout the 10.5 kilometer stretch of Te Awa Kairangi/Hutt River.

<https://www.wellingtonrafting.nz/tours/white-water-rafting/>



Kaitoke Regional Park - Upper Hutt

Explore this magic regional park, cross the swing bridge and see why Peter Jackson chose to film part of Lord of the Rings here. Kaitoke Regional Park is one of the region's most visited parks and is popular for picnics, camping, swimming and tramping.

There are walks for all ages and abilities, from hiking the hills of the Ridge Track to meandering to the weir with a pram. The trail to the location of Rivendell, home of the elves, is an easy 15-minute walk. The Swing Bridge Track is one hour long, journeying through rimu and rata forests and offering great views of the Hutt River Gorge.

For more information on what to see and do in the Wellington region <https://www.wellingtonnz.com/>



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