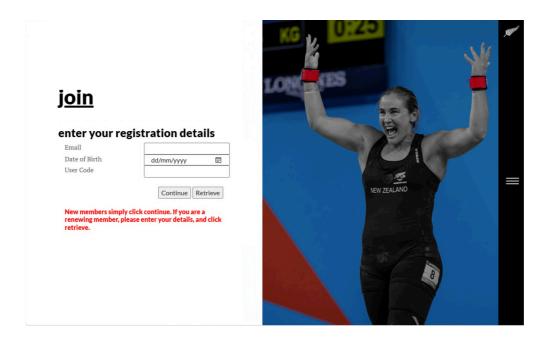


Additional Weightlifting NZ Entry requirements: Get ahead by completing the following necessary requirements to competing at the 2024 Auckland Secondary School Championships.

## 1. All competitors must be registered as 2024 WNZ members

Follow the below steps to become a member:

- Head to <a href="https://www.weightlifting.nz/join">https://www.weightlifting.nz/join</a> and click the "Continue" Button.
- Follow further instructions to complete registration and make payment.



## **Clean Sport Requirements for Schools**

Olympic Weightlifting is signed to WADA's code (World Anti-Doping Agency) and as such, this requires Weightlifting NZ to use drug testing & analysis provided by Drug Free Sport New Zealand at our Championship events.

The Auckland Secondary Schools Weightlifting Championships, has always fallen into this category of competitions, regardless of level of athlete experience or age of the competitor. This means that there is the potential for DFSNZ to test at this event.

To ensure that our athletes understand the risks associated with both intentional and unintentional drug use in sport, and to do our best to keep our sport clean, Weightlifting NZ requires all our members to complete education via the DFSNZ online education portal prior to their competing at a Championship event.

Further Information on this requirement is below.

To gain a better understanding of the drug testing process that students from your school participating in this event may be involved in on the day, please visit this link below from DFSNZ:

## Minors | Drug Free Sport New Zealand

The page outlines the special requirements for Minors and also a short animated video (about 1 minute long) that summarises the actual testing process.

Of particular relevance for the Auckland Secondary Schools event is the fact that the competitors are aged under 18years.

All athletes who enter this event will be emailed with the DFSNZ link to create their own account and complete the online education.

As you'll see, age does not preclude the athletes from being tested, but there are additional steps which are taken - specifically an additional adult is present throughout the process. This can be parent, adult friend, Coach or another DFSNZ official.

<u>For competitors under 16 years old</u>, as well as the additional adult being present there is a requirement of parental consent. If the athlete's parent is not present at the event to give consent, DFSNZ can call them to obtain consent over the phone. If they are not contactable ie consent isn't given, testing doesn't take place. We will provide a form for each school to collect parental consent prior to the event.

For any parents/caregivers or teachers interested, we have included the link to the DFSNZ online education modules, which you are welcome to complete for your own information.

## https://drugfreesport.org.nz/education/e-learning/

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