

Major USA Indoor Competition Opportunity - 2019 Simplot Games in Pocatello, Idaho. 14-16 February 2019

NZ Secondary Schools Athletics Association supported by Findlay Food Coatings Ltd www.findlayfoodcoatings.com and www.wfl.co.nz would like to select a small team of 6 athletes to compete in the Simplot Indoor Games from 14-16 February, 2019. The team will depart on February 10 and return on February 19, 2018. This is the largest indoor high school invitational in the western half of the USA. There will be US Olympians in attendance to meet and mentor participating athletes. The meet patron is Dick Fosbury who changed the high jump with his new technique in the late 1960s.

Athletes Expression of Interest

Selection for this team will be based on performances during the 2017-18 season. If you are interested, please supply all relevant performances to support your selection, particularly at New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships, Athletics New Zealand Championships and North/South Island Champs.

Costs to team members will be approximately \$3000 (which will cover airfare and hotels. Meals will be as we go). Selection will be made from senior high school athletes between the ages of 16 and 18 who will still be enrolled in high school in February 2019. Please email Ed. Fern by September 21 at ferns7@xtra.co.nz to register your interest. Put "Simplot Games" in the subject line of the email.

Simplot Games 2018

A team of six girls competed at the 2018 Simplot games with some notable successes. Josephine Reeves of Wellington took out the High Jump with a big PB of 1.80, Nicole Bennett of Hawera placed 7th in the Indoor Weight Throw (her first ever competition with the 9KG weight) with 11.63 and Ellie Hurley Langton, also from Hawera popped a PB of 11.45 to place 11th in a highly competitive Triple Jump. The team enjoyed the quick trip to the states, met many new friends and even found some bargains in the Salt Lake City Mall.

Information about this event and past results can be found at <http://simplotgames.com/>

The Simplot Games is a highly competitive event. Please have a look at last year's results when considering applying for a spot on the team.