# TEACHER'S GUIDE TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOL TGGC 2026

Welcome to the Secondary School TGGC!! An event like no other. The Secondary School Tough Guy and Gal Challenge is a chance for our Secondary students to get involved in New Zealand's biggest mud run series in a version tailored especially for them!

Entrants take on the 6km muddy obstacle course consisting of swamp crossings, a spider's web net climb, crawl under obstacles, run through native bush trails, tunnels, hurdles, climbing frames, water crossings and all the mud you can find! It's a great fun day out for Year 9 – 13 students. There is a Toughest School Trophy on offer for the school with the fastest three entrants (male and female categories). Students can also gain NCEA Level 2 & 3 achievement standard credits at this event.

Teachers bring classes of students to compete as it is out of their comfort zone and is not a standard running event. Many have never been that wet, cold and muddy before and then still have to complete the often hilly cross country running course whilst climbing or crawling through obstacles through mud. Competitors often dress up in fancy dress and team mates encourage others to finish. The smiles on their faces at the end of the race, says it all.

Below are all your answers to your questions regarding the Secondary School TGGC! Feel free to contact toughguyandgal@eventpromotions.co.nz for any queries.

# EVENT INFORMATION:

## WAYS TO ENTER:

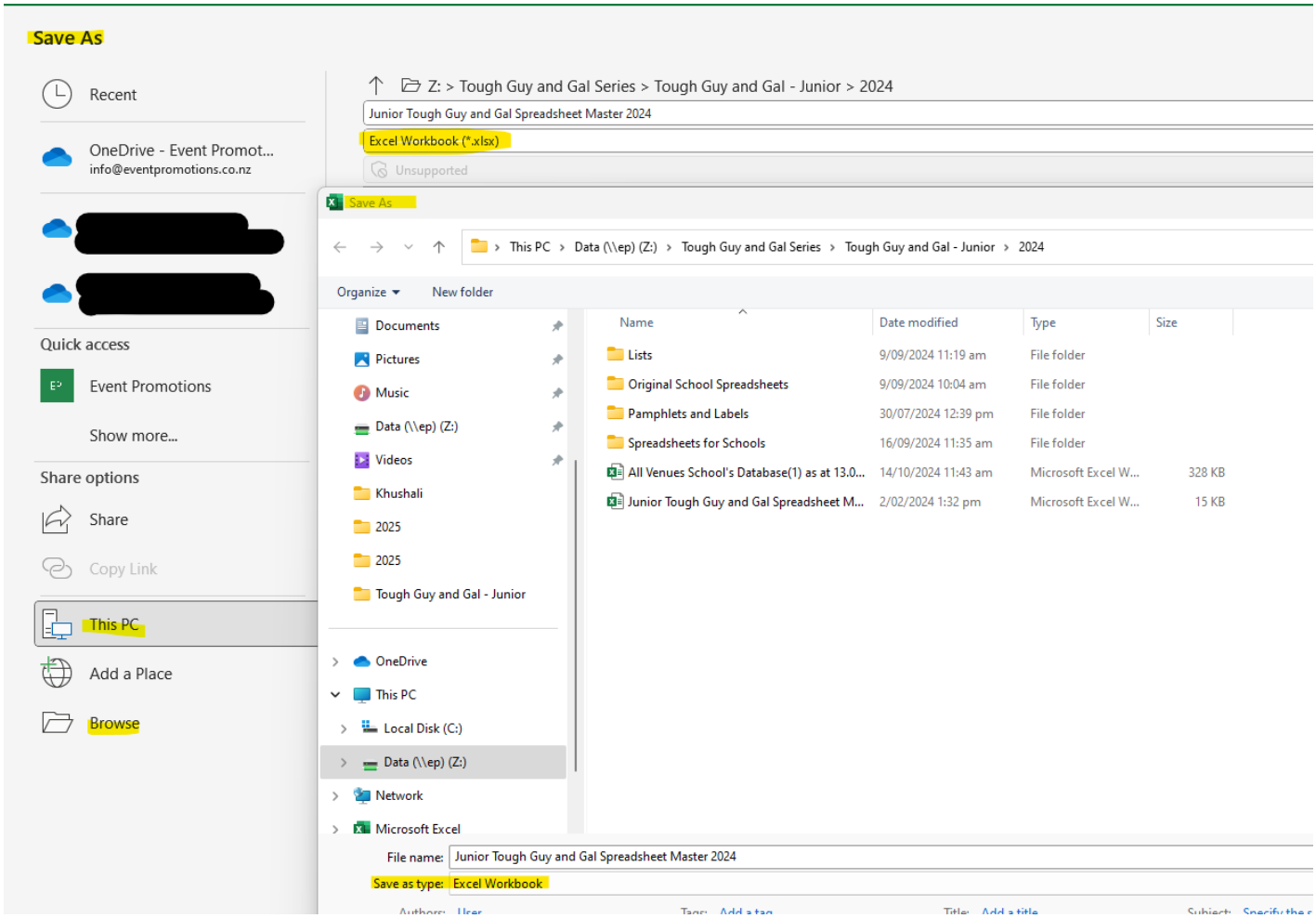
Please email toughguyandgal@eventpromotions.co.nz and register your interest to book your school in for your preferred Venue, Date, Approx Number of students attending, and whether you are entering via Spreadsheet or getting parents to register their kids Online via our Registration Form.

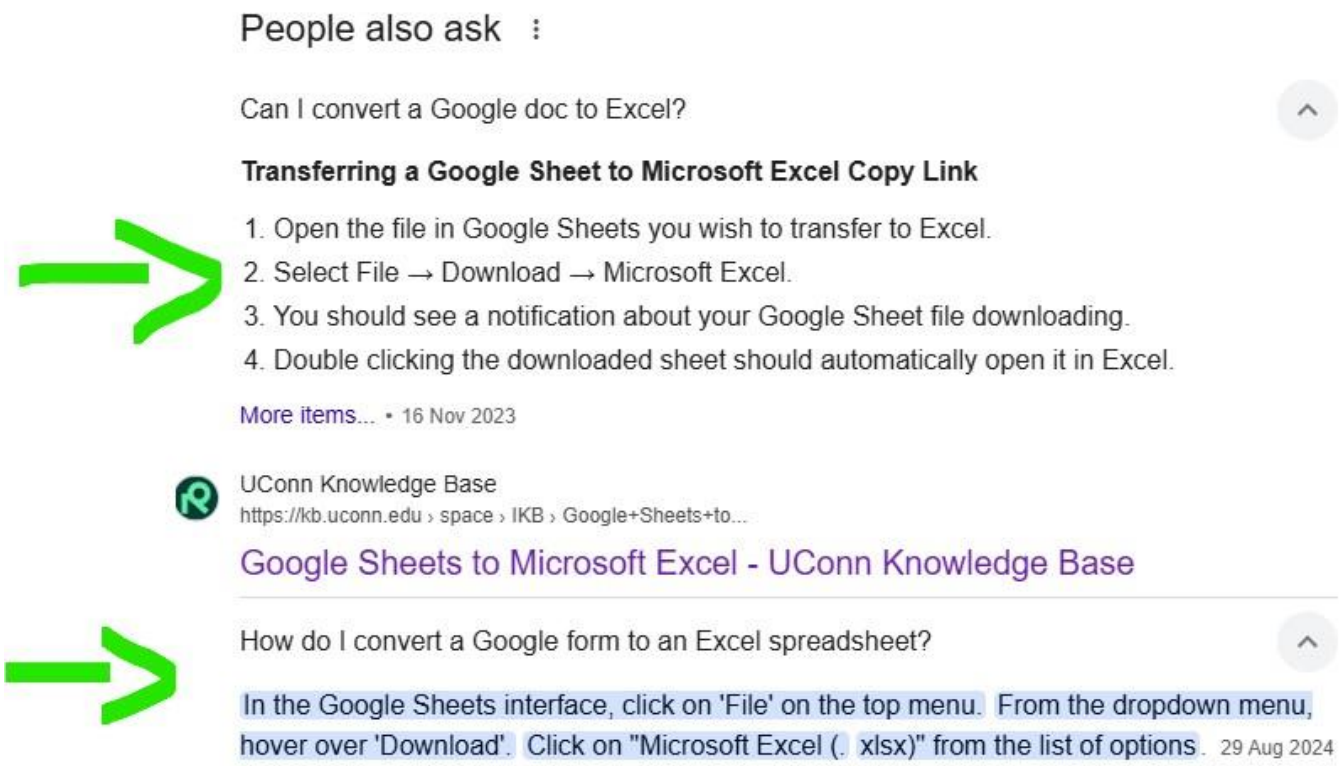
**OPTION 1 – SCHOOL GROUP ENTRY (Spreadsheet)**

PRICE: $45 per child

If you'd like to enter your school students via Spreadsheet, then an Excel Spreadsheet will be sent to you to complete. with a Terms and Conditions/ Waiver for you to fill in with all of your student's details. Once this excel spreadsheet has been received your students will be entered into the event.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All of the fields on the spreadsheet template must be filled in for each student, otherwise it will be sent back to you for correction. Google Docs or other online format templates will NOT be accepted. Your spreadsheet must be returned in its original format. Screenshots below are an example of what is required. If you do not have Microsoft Excel, you can still convert your Google Sheet to an Excel Workbook format via the screenshot instructions below:






**Entry Policy for School Groups:**

Entry numbers are limited! We will be working on a first-in-first serve basis. Entries will ONLY be confirmed once we have received your completed school group spreadsheet with signed waiver and completed entrant fields. No entries can be confirmed until we have ALL of this information. To avoid the disappointment of missing out please make sure you get your entries in at least three weeks before the event date.

All school group invoices will be sent to schools AFTER each event to allow for corrections or additional administrative costs.

**OPTION 2 – ONLINE ENTRY**

PRICE: $47.50 per child *(includes $2.50 online booking fee)*.

If you don't want to enter via Spreadsheet, then you can get your Parents/Caregivers to enter and pay for their children Online.

There is a question section where they **must** put in their school's name and tick a box to say if the Teacher or Parent will be picking up the race number on the day of the event.

As long as they correctly enter the school's name and tick the box to say the Teacher will collect the race number then we are able to have everything waiting for you to pick up from registration on the morning of the event.

ONLINE Registration Form is available on our website: https://eventpromotions.co.nz/

**Entries Close:**

| VENUE | LOCATION | DATE OF EVENT | SPREADSHEET DUE BY | ONLINE ENTRIES CLOSE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hamilton | Ngāruawāhia Christian Youth Camp, 148 Waingaro Road, Ngāruawāhia 3720 | Thursday 18th June 2026 | Thursday 4th June 2026 | Tuesday 16th June 2026 |

## EVENT DATE & VENUE LOCATION

**Hamilton** (Ngāruawahia Christian Youth Camp) – Tuesday 5th May, Wednesday 6th May 2026

## EVENT TIMETABLE:

**IMPORTANT NOTE: CHANGE FOR THE 2026 EVENT DAY TIMETABLE**

** Due to feedback around increasing difficulties with traffic and transport availability, we have amended the event timetable so that ALL events will start at 11:00am rather than 10:00am **

Registration will be from 9:30am rather than 8:30am.

### TIMETABLE:

9:30am-10:30am: Registration & Late Entries

11:00am: Wave starts of approx. 80-100 students, 90 seconds apart, to spread everyone out

12:45pm: Prizegiving commences

1:00pm: Event Finishes

## PERSONALISED BIB NUMBERS:

If you enter at least 2 weeks before the event, you will receive your very own personalised bib number with your name and school name on show so everyone can cheer you on!

## SHOWERS, PARKING, FOOD & DRINKS:

**Shower and Parking**

Hot showers, parking and first aid support are included in your entry fee. There will be changing sheds available for children to change into their clean clothes and shoes.

**Food and Drinks**

Hot food and beverages will be available from the venue for purchase – please bring cash as there is NO EFTPOS available.

## RAMS FORM:

Click on the link below to download the RAMS Form for the **Hamilton** Secondary School TGGC: https://eventpromotions.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/RAMS-guidelines-2026-TGGC-Sec-Schools-Hamilton.pdf

## NCEA INFORMATION:

The New Balance Secondary Schools Tough Guy and Gal Challenges are approved by NZQA for Level 2 and Level 3 practical assessment. Times will be released two to three weeks after each event.

**NCEA Calculation**

The time bands for the allocation of credits are worked out as a percentage of each cohort that races at each separate venue. The time bands from last years event are to be used as a GUIDE ONLY.

Click **HERE** to see how the Secondary Schools Tough Guy and Gal Challenge could be used as a context in units of work that assess the following standards.

***2025 HAMILTON – Tough Guy/Gal Achievement Standard Final Times (mmm.ss) – use as a GUIDE only for the 2026 event.***

| **Hamilton – Level 2** | **Excellence** | **Merit** | **Achieved** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Male | Under 36.09 | 36.09 – 50.55 | 50.56 – 85.01 |
| Female | Under 43.19 | 43.19 – 57.24 | 57.25 – 86.18 |
| **Hamilton – Level 3** | **Excellence** | **Merit** | **Achieved** |
| Male | Under 33.41 | 33.41 – 48.58 | 48.59 – 76.47 |
| Female | Under 41.45 | 41.45 – 56.05 | 56.06 – 81.50 |

## REFUNDS/TRANSFERS:

**Withdrawal and Refund Policy**
ALL withdrawals MUST be notified to **toughguyandgal@eventpromotions.co.nz** by 9am, 72 hours (3 days) prior to the event date. These withdrawals will receive their entry fee refund, minus a $10.00 administrative/booking fee per competitor.

Any withdrawals notified after this time will NOT be entitled to a refund, no exceptions.

In the case of a natural disaster, extreme or dangerous weather situation, "Act of God" conditions, or other uncontrollable factors causing the cancellation of the event, entry fees will not be refunded.

**Transfer Policy**
All person-to-person transfers MUST be made by 9:00am, 14 days prior to the event. After this date they will need to be made on event day at the registration. If personal information allocated to a bib number is not correct, then your students risk not gaining NZQA credits.

You cannot transfer an entry to another event or following year under any circumstances.

All queries regarding entries to be sent to **toughguyandgal@eventpromotions.co.nz**

## NEWSPAPER/SOCIAL MEDIA BLURB

Below is a blurb to go out to your parents or to share on your social media channels, newspaper, letters etc. Just amend a few things to best suit your school **(in red).** If you'd like some social media tiles/logos, please contact: marketing@eventpromotions.co.nz

*"Join us as we take on NZ's biggest mud run series in a version tailored especially for our Rangatahi. The Secondary School Tough Guy & Gal Challenge will take place in* ***Hamilton on Thursday 18th June 2026.*** *Our children will take on a muddy obstacle course consisting of swamp crossings, a spider's web net climb, crawl under obstacles, beautiful native bush trails, tunnels, hurdles, a climbing frame, water crossings and not to mention, mud mud and more mud! If your child is interested in attending,* ***please enter via the link:*** https://eventpromotions.co.nz/tggc-sec-school-hamilton/. ***Online Entries are $47.50*** *per child. Please make sure you select* ***TEACHER PICK UP*** *as the bib method and enter the* ***CORRECT AND FULL NAME OF THE SCHOOL*** *in order for your child's entry to be grouped in the school bundle. If you have any questions, contact* ***toughguyandgal@eventpromotions.co.nz***"

## DOWNLOADABLE CERTIFICATE & RESULTS:

Click on the link below to download the Secondary School Tough Guy and Gal Challenge Certificate: https://eventpromotions.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/TGGC-Participation-Certificate-2026-Sec-School.pdf

**Past Results**
**Note:** Podium placings are worked out on GUN TIMES. NCEA results are worked out on MAT TIMES.

Click **here** to view the 2025 Hamilton Results

2025 conditions – fine day at the venue, but very heavy rain in the days prior, and after 5 event days on the course leading up to the Secondary Schools event, it was extremely muddy and very very slippery, creating extreme conditions underfoot. An overall slower event than 2024.

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

### GRADE AND PRIZE INFORMATION:

Awesome spot prizes will be randomly drawn at prize-giving. You must be present at prize-giving to collect your spot prize.

**Junior Chicks & Dudes – years 9, 10 & 11**
Merit medals will be awarded to the first 3 male and female competitors overall.

**Senior Lads & Lasses – years 12 & 13**
Merit medals will be awarded to the first 3 male and female competitors overall.

**Toughest Teacher – Older Brutes & Beauties**
A merit medal will be awarded to the first male and female teacher overall.

**Toughest School Award**
The Toughest School trophy will be awarded to the first male or female team of three competing, gender based not age group. Your combined individual gender placing will be used to calculate your overall team placing. Plus – all your team members are eligible for individual grade positions. For example; if your top 3 team places are 2nd Male, 8th Male, 15th Male, your team total is 2 + 8 + 15 = 25 points.

### EVENT DISTANCE:

It is an APPROXIMATELY 6km course, but due to the nature of our different venue's terrain and challenges, we equate the TIME TAKEN of the fastest person to be "equivalent" to a flat 6km cross country course. Therefore, some venues are shorter in distance, but equivalent in time. Regarding the NCEA time bands, each venue is calculated individually rather than combined to take into consideration any course changes, weather conditions and distance differences.

## AGE LIMITS & NUMBERS:

The Secondary School Event is for Secondary School Students, of Years 9 to 13 (ages 13-18) or a Teacher/Parent Helper.

**Hamilton** has limited places available [**1000 competitors per event only**], so make sure you enter early to avoid disappointment as these events sell out! We will advise on the website when an event day sells out.

## WHAT TO WEAR:

It is compulsory to wear covered in shoes during the event. You will get wet and muddy. A dry set of WARM clothing, beanie and jacket is highly recommended following your event. Football or Rugby boots with moulded studs are acceptable, running spikes or boots with aluminium studs are not permitted.

Please bring along Tape to secure the children's shoes to their ankles and bags to put in dirty clothing and footwear for after the race.

## OBSTACLES:

All obstacles are designed to be challenging, but achievable for people of all abilities. If at any stage you feel you cannot complete an obstacle or feel uncomfortable with it, you are welcome to skip the obstacle (NOTE: skipping an obstacle to avoid a queue is NOT allowed – the queue is the same for everyone!!!). It is important to note that if you do skip an obstacle, you will be ineligible for podium placings.

We also want to make everyone aware that we do not have any electrified obstacles at our events.

## LOST PROPERTY:

There is NO lost property. Throughout the event our announcers will remind children, parents, teachers and all, to take their belongings with them! Any items that are left behind will be disposed of at the end of each day. Event Promotions do not take any responsibility for any items left behind, stolen or lost.

## PHOTOS:

There are no official event photos for the Secondary School Tough Guy and Gal Challenge due to Safety reasons. Please feel free to take your own photos.

## EVENT CONTACT:

For all Secondary School Tough Guy & Gal Challenge queries, please contact:

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