

153rd



WAIPU HIGHLAND GAMES



OFFICIAL PROGRAMME
31st December 2025

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Chief's Message

CEUD MILE FAILTE – One hundred thousand welcomes to the 153rd Waipu Highland Games sponsored by our local McLeod's Brewery.

Once again, I must thank the committee for their hard work and commitment to organising the event, which is a celebration of Scottish culture and a tribute to the early settlers who sailed their boats from Nova Scotia to settle in Bream Bay. To our many visitors from outside of Waipu, I would implore you to visit the Waipu Scottish Migration Museum to learn of the amazing story of these early settlers.

We are again blessed to have so many talented competitors in Highland Dancing, Piping, Drumming and of course, the mighty Highland Heavyweight competitors. Many of these competitors travel great distances nationally and internationally to compete and help keep the Scottish culture alive in New Zealand.

Thanks, must also go to the Judges who give of their time to adjudicate these events. Many of them also travel considerable distances to be here and avail us of their talents.

Events such as these rely on volunteers to set up, run the events and to pack up once the event is over. These wonderful, selfless people are at the heart of what you see and enjoy on the day. My thanks go to every one of them. (If you would like to participate in the pack down on 2 January, see our secretary in the office on the day. It is a lot of work, made less by many hands, but it is also fun.)

We could not hold the event without the generous support of our sponsors. Please read about them in your program and support them whilst visiting Waipu.

Thanks also to our Northland Member of Parliament, Grant McCallum, who will open the Games today, and to our Mayor, Ken Couper.

Of course, all of this would not happen if not for all of you. Thanks to each of you for coming along today and making these 153rd McLeods Brewery, Waipu Highland Games a success.

We wish you a Safe and Happy New Year.

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Ted Hart, Chief.

P.S. Don't forget to visit the Avenue of the Clans to check your Scottish ancestry. You may be more Scottish than you think. Also try the Scottish food stall and Haggis at the Lion's tent and of course, the McLeod's Brewery stand in the Celtic Barn.

Programme of Events

TIME	EVENT NAME
8.30am	Pipe Band assembles at the Monument's to tune up for Street March Clans assemble at the monuments for Street March
9.00am	NZ Open Heavyweight Competition, Main Arena Registration for Junior and Senior Novice Heavyweight Event at the Heavyweight Tent Solo Piping and Drumming Competitions begin Street March and Grand Entry of Bands and Clans, The Centre entrance Official Salute outside the Barn
9.30am	Highland and National Dancing, Stage 1 Start gathering for Kids Running Races for a 10.00am start, Marquee Centre Running Track
10.00am	Dancing beside the Barn, Stage 1 Scottish Official Board Highland Dancing, Stage 2 Register for Tug of War, Arena 2. Kids Running Races, Centre Track.
12.00pm	Lunch Break Clans to assemble for Mass Band at the Host Clans Tent 12.10 pm
12.10pm	Main Arena, Chiefs Welcome
12.25pm	Massed Bands, Main Arena Clans and Massed Highland Fling, Main Arena SING WITH US - The Flower of Scotland, Main Arena - See Page 9 for lyrics
12.45pm	Presentation of The Assynt Quaich Official Opening, Main Arena Massed Band
1.00pm	Competitions continue Kids Running Event continues, Centre Track
1.30pm	Adult Tug of War Competition at Arena 2
2.10pm	Kids Tug of War – Running Track
1.30pm	Mini Highland Games – Running Track Area
3.15pm	Record attempt at 160lb Farmers Walk Arena 2

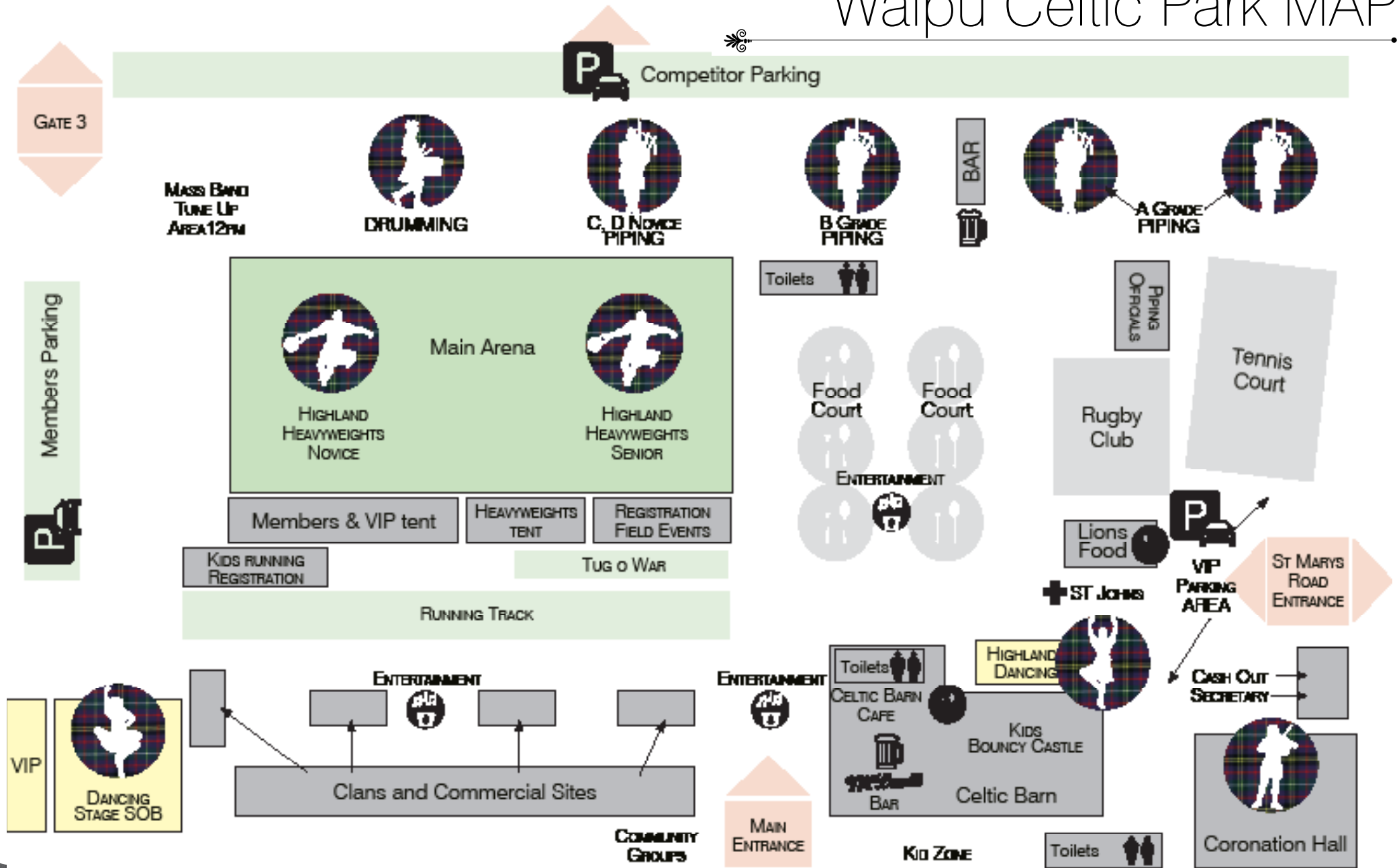


Link to the whole Waipu Highland Games day's programme:
www.waipuhighlandgames.co.nz/programme



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Waipu Celtic Park MAP



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Athletics Programme

Running Races

Running Races start at 10:00 am sharp, no registration is required. Please be ready to race in your age group at your allocated time. Please arrive at least 10 mins prior to your timeslot.

EVENT	TIME	EVENT NAME	1ST	2ND	3RD
1	10:00	5-6 year old girls - 50m	\$15	\$10	\$5
2	10:05	5-6 year old boys - 50m	\$15	\$10	\$5
3	10:10	7-8 year old girls - 50m	\$15	\$10	\$5
4	10:20	7-8 year old boys - 50m	\$15	\$10	\$5
5	10:25	9-10 year old girls - 75m	\$15	\$10	\$5
6	10:30	9-10 year old boys - 75m	\$15	\$10	\$5
7	10:35	11-12 year old girls - 75m	\$15	\$10	\$5
8	10:40	11-12 year old boys - 75m	\$15	\$10	\$5
9	10:45	13-14 year old girls - 100m	\$15	\$10	\$5
10	10:50	13-14 year old boys - 100m	\$15	\$10	\$5
11	10:55	16+ year old girls - 100m	\$15	\$10	\$5
12	11:00	16+ year old boys - 100m	\$15	\$10	\$5

Novelty Races

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EVENT	TIME	EVENT NAME	1ST	2ND	3RD
13	11:05	7-8 year old girls - 3 Legged Race - 50m	\$30	\$20	\$10
14	11:10	7-8 year old boys - 3 Legged Race - 50m	\$30	\$20	\$10
15	11:15	9-10 year old girls - 3 Legged Race - 50m	\$30	\$20	\$10
16	11:20	9-10 year old boys - 3 Legged Race - 50m	\$30	\$20	\$10
17	11:25	11-12 year old girls - 3 Legged Race - 75m	\$30	\$20	\$10
18	11:30	11-12 year old boys - 3 Legged Race - 75m	\$30	\$20	\$10
19	11:35	13-14 year old girls - 3 Legged Race - 75m	\$30	\$20	\$10
20	11:40	13-14 year old boys - 3 Legged Race - 75m	\$30	\$20	\$10
21	11:45	Women 16 and over - 3 Legged Race - 75m	\$30	\$20	\$10
22	11:50	Men 16 and over - 3 Legged Race - 75m	\$30	\$20	\$10

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EVENT	TIME	EVENT NAME	1ST	2ND	3RD
23	1:00	7-8 year old girls - Sack Race 50m	\$15	\$10	\$5
24	1:05	7-8 year old boys - Sack Race 50m	\$15	\$10	\$5
25	1:10	9-10 year old girls - Sack Race 50m	\$15	\$10	\$5
26	1:15	9-10 year old boys - Sack Race 50m	\$15	\$10	\$5
27	1:20	11-12 year old girls - Sack Race 50m	\$15	\$10	\$5
28	1:25	11-12 year old boys - Sack Race 50m	\$15	\$10	\$5
29	1:30	13-14 year old girls - Sack Race 75m	\$15	\$10	\$5
30	1:35	13-14 year old boys - Sack Race 75m	\$15	\$10	\$5
31	1:40	Women 16 and over - Sack Race 75m	\$15	\$10	\$5
32	1:45	Men 16 and over - Sack Race 75m	\$15	\$10	\$5

Tug o War

EVENT	TIME	EVENT NAME
34		Tug o War TWO TEAMS 7 - 15 year old

Tug O War will commence after the Novelty Races. Please turn up 10 mins early so you don't miss out being put on a team. Teams will be randomly picked, rules and guidelines will be given to the participants on the day.

EVENT	TIME	EVENT NAME	1ST	2ND	3RD
35		Mini Highland Games Commences			
		Caber Toss 9-15 year old			
		Bucket Carry 9-15 year old			
These games will operate on a line up and participate rotation					

Mini Highland Games

This event will start after the Tug O War so come along and have go!!! Bring a camera and get your photo taken in a kilt.

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Host Clan - Davidson

Host Clan 153rd Highland Games 31st December 2025 - Clan Davidson

Clan Davidson (Clann Daibhidh in Gaelic) is one of Scotland's historic clans, renowned for loyalty and courage as part of the Chattan Confederation.

We are proud to be the only Scottish clan whose Chief resides in New Zealand - Grant Guthrie Davidson, 3rd of Davidston, Chief of Clan Davidson - and he, together with our Clan President Jeff Davidson, our Seannachie Max Rawnsley, and other Clan members, will be present at the Games.

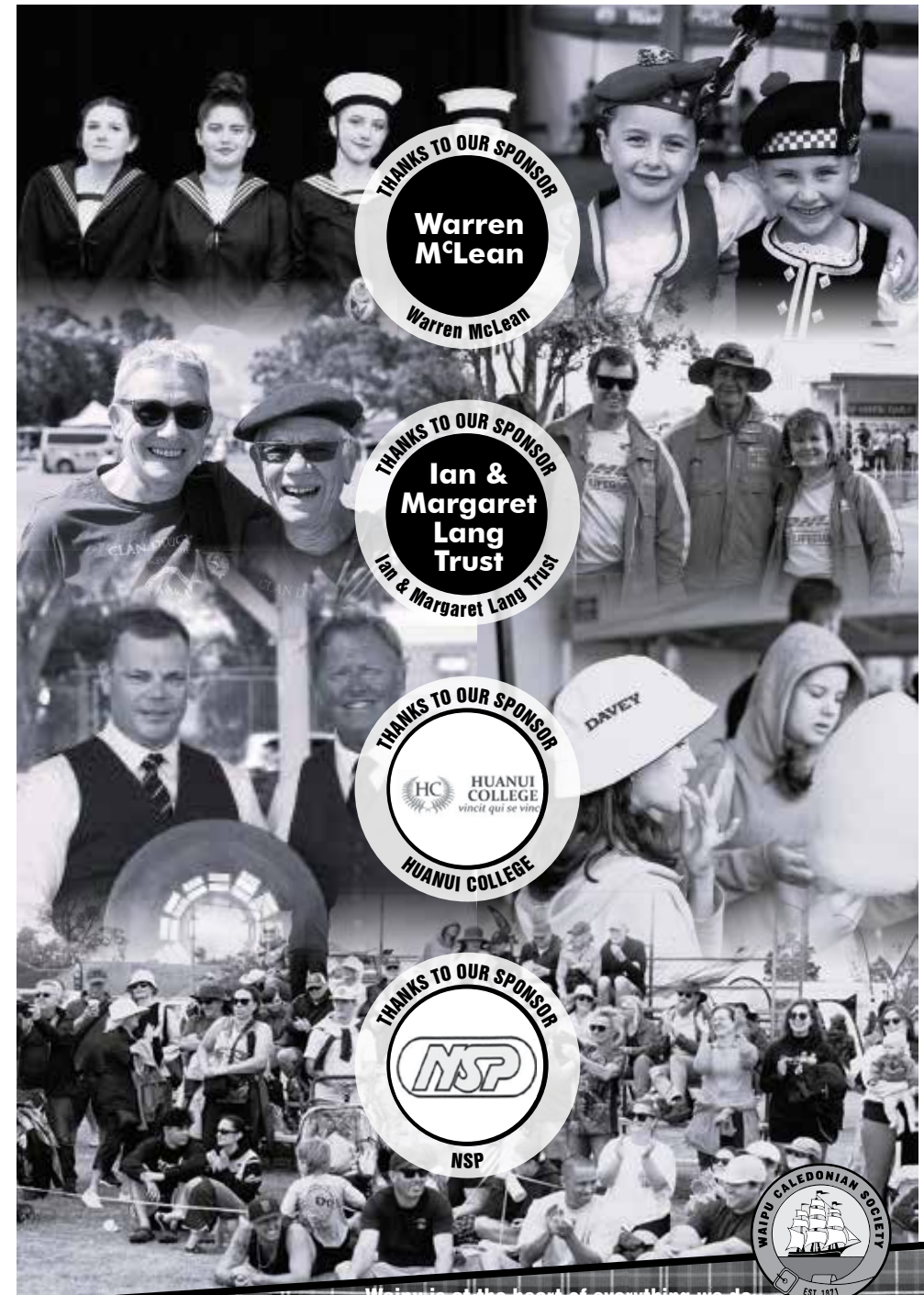
The Clan Davidson Society in New Zealand celebrates our heritage through genealogy, newsletters, and gatherings, while promoting Highland culture throughout the country.

Join us at Waipu and share in our traditions of history, family, and community.



LIFE MEMBERS of the Waipu Caledonian Society

1936 – F.D. McKay
1936 – K. Cameron
1939 – J. McGregor
1939 – W. McKenzie
1939 – A. McKenzie
1939 – Donald McKenzie
1939 – Duncan McKenzie
1939 – Miss. C. McKenzie
1939 – W.M. Fraser
1939 – D.H. McKenzie
1994 – R.A. McLean
1994 – O.J. Schultz
1994 – B. Worthy
1995 – A.F. McKay
1996 – J. Baxter
2004 – B.J. McLean
2007 – B.R. O'Brien
2007 – D.McK. Fraser
2008 – D. Ewen
2008 – B. Matheson
2009 – C. Stevens
2009 – J. Finlayson
2009 – H. Griffin
2016 – D.W. McLean
2019 – Col. S.F. Simm
2021 – Pat Helier
2022 – Richie Guy
2025 – Bain McGregor



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Flower of Scotland Lyrics



Please join with us and sing Flower of Scotland
in the main arena during the Opening Events
from 12 noon.

1st verse
O flower of scotland
When will we see
Your like again,
That fought and died for
Your wee bit hill and glen
And stood against him
Proud edward's army,
And sent him homeward
Tae think again.

3rd verse
Those days are past now
And in the past
they must remain
But we can still rise now
And be the nation again
That stood against him
Proud edward's army
And sent him homeward,
Tae think again.

2nd verse
O flower of scotland
When will we see
Your like again,
That fought and died for
Your wee bit hill and glen
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4th verse
O flower of scotland
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And stood against him
Proud edward's army,
And sent him homeward
Tae think again.

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Emer pipes and EVERYONE

Emer pipes and EVERYONE



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Main Arena Guests



OFFICIAL OPENER of the 153 RD GAMES	<i>Grant McCallum</i> - MP for Northland
GUEST SPEAKER	<i>Ken Couper</i> - Mayor of Whangārei
CHIEF	<i>Ted Hart</i>
FLOWER OF SCOTLAND SINGER	<i>Emer Lea</i>
PIPER FLOWER OF SCOTLAND	<i>Bain McGregor</i>
ASSYNT QUAICH RECIPIENT	<i>John Draper</i>
GUEST DRUM MAJOR	<i>Cameron MacLean</i>
MAIN ARENA - PIPE MAJOR	<i>Bain McGregor</i>
MASS BAND	<i>NZ Solo Piping Competitors</i>
MASS HIGHLAND FLING	<i>Lothian Highland - Dance Studio</i>





ROLL UP, ROLL UP AND PUT A TEAM TOGETHER FOR OUR LEGENDARY... **TUG OF WAR**

Sign up today!!!!

Registration at gazebo in tug o war area
between 10.00am and 12.00pm

Teams of 8 made up of any gender.
16 years and over. \$80 per team.

Battle Starts at 1.30pm Arena 2

**MASSIVE
Prize Money:**

1st - \$2000

2nd - \$1200

3rd - \$800

4th - \$500



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