



36th New Zealand Secondary Schools Track & Field and 34th Road Race Championships 2008 Hamilton

16 October 2008

To All New Zealand Secondary Schools

Newsletter Two

Organisation of the 2008 Championships at Porritt Stadium on 13 and 14 December is progressing well. This year, as was the case in 2000 and 2004 the event is part of the New Zealand College Games in which 21 sports are involved in a celebration of olympism. Our competitors will be able to take part in and enjoy the celebrations and entertainment during the New Zealand College Games which run from Wednesday 10 December to Sunday 14 December. Check the link to the New Zealand College Games website, www.nzcg.co.nz. We encourage you to take part in the whole New Zealand College Games experience.

Timetable of Events

16 October	Newsletter 2 available on NZSSAA website
28 October	Online entries open
Ongoing	School entries posted on NZSSAA website as received
28 November	Final date for entries
10 December	Individual scratchings close
12 December	Collection of School Packs, NZSSAA AGM, Welcoming Ceremony from 4.00 pm
13/14 December	Track and Field Championships, Porritt Stadium
14 December	Road Race Championships, Ruakura Agricultural Research Centre

Age Groups

Junior	Under 16 years on 31 December 2008
Senior	Under 19½ years on 31 December 2008
Note	Competition is open only to students currently enrolled in Years 9 and above and attending an NZSSAA affiliated school.
Year 9	For the Road Race only, there is a Year 9 grade. Competitors must be a Year 9 student, over 13 years and under 15 years of age on 31 December 2008.

Programme of Events

The draft programme is available on the NZSSAA website.

Road Race

This event will be held on Sunday morning, 14 December at the Ruakura Agricultural Research Centre. The first race will commence at 8 am. Race times and distances are on the guideline programme. A course map will be available on the website shortly.

Affiliation

The Association collects school affiliation fees with entries. Schools that did not have competitors at the Cross Country Championships in New Plymouth will have the \$36.00 affiliation fee added to their entries invoice.

College Games Registration

If your school is only entering the NZSSAA championships and not accessing any of the College Games services other than T-shirt orders you are not required to pay the separate College Games registration (\$35 for less than 15 athletes/\$60 for 15 or more athletes) which your school may be invoiced for after the games. Hopefully though, you will choose to be involved in the total College Games occasion that goes well beyond what we would usually offer at our National Championships. You might also consider adding other sports people to your teams to take part in the events on offer and make it more of an 'Olympic/Commonwealth Games' type experience for your athletes.

Entries

All entries must be made online on the NZSSAA website on or before 28 November. The website will be open for entries from 28 October and will close on 28 November at midnight. **Do not be late with your entries.**

After 28 November any further entries are added only with the approval of the LOC and done by the online entries administrator. Late entries are to be emailed to tylden@xtra.co.nz There will be a charge of \$10 per late entry. Late entries will only be accepted **if there has been a genuine error** and if they do not create an extra heat or round or if field event numbers are low enough to allow the event to be completed in the allocated time. No late entries will be accepted after 12.00 pm on Friday 12 December.

Entries for all NZSSAA events are taken online. To get started and launch the online entries site please follow the instructions below.

1. Visit <http://robo.co.nz/o/nzsstf2008/>
2. A login prompt will be presented to your browser.
3. Enter your assigned username and password to proceed into the system.

Please remember to fill in your team information first so that you are not prompted to fill it in when you proceed to making your entries.

Don't have a username and password?

Your Principal may have it. By passing it over to the person responsible for completing the entries the principal is confirming the authenticity of the entries. If the username and password details cannot be located, contact oe@nzssaa.org.nz requesting them. This process is faster if you send the request via your principal's school e-mail address.

Entry Fees

The entry fees payable per athlete for track and field and/or road race have been set by the NZSSAA executive. There has been an increase of \$5.00 per competitor except for relay only competitors.

\$15.00 for one or two events (including the road race)

\$20.00 for 3 or more events

\$10.00 for relay only competitors

Scratchings

Scratchings for single events must be done on the NZSSAA website by Wednesday 10 December. After that date any scratchings received will be considered as scratchings from all events.

Technical information and standards

This information is available in a separate document on the website.

Accommodation

The New Zealand College Games organisers are creating a Games Village based at the University of Waikato Halls of Residence. The booking form for accommodation is now available at www.nzcg.co.nz. A package deal is available for students and managers at a rate of \$61 per person per day, including breakfast and dinner. Currently 600 competitors have booked in there and there is still plenty of space available. There are also lots of motels and other accommodation options in Hamilton.

Championship T-shirts/Caps

Souvenir T-shirts and caps will be available for purchase through the College Games website www.nzcg.co.nz .

Collection of School Packs/AGM/ Welcoming Ceremony

There will be no formal Managers' meeting this year but School Packs (competition numbers, programmes, passes etc) will be available at The University of Waikato Arts Centre, Gate 1 off Knighton Rd from **4.00 pm Friday 12 December** (and from 7.30 am Saturday 13 December at Porritt Stadium). Only the designated team manager will be able to uplift the packs. There will be an opportunity there to individually ask questions of the LOC and to deal with concerns managers may have. **The NZSSAA AGM will begin at 5.00 pm** in the arts centre and we urge you to attend. Light refreshments will be available during and after the meeting. The College Games Welcoming Ceremony will begin at 6.00 pm in the University of Waikato grounds.

Sponsorship

NZSSAA does not have a major sponsor this year. Naming rights and other sponsorship opportunities exist for these championships. If there is interest in this opportunity please contact John Tylden, Chairman NZSSAA at tylden@xtra.co.nz

We look forward to welcoming you to Hamilton in December.

John Tylden
LOC convenor