



New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Association

37th New Zealand Secondary Schools Track & Field and 35th Road Race Championships 2009 Timaru

To All New Zealand Secondary Schools

Newsletter One

Organisation of the 2009 Championships at Alpine Energy All Weather Track in Timaru on 12th and 13th December is well underway.

The Local Organising Committee is made up of representatives from Aoraki Secondary Schools Association, Alpine Energy All Weather Track Trust and Mid-South Canterbury Sub-Centre of Athletics Canterbury.

Timetable of Events:

3 August	Newsletter One available on www.nzssaa.org.nz
2 September	Draft programme sessions available on NZSSAA website
12 October	Newsletter Two available on NZSSAA website
27 October	Online entries open
Ongoing	School entries posted on NZSSAA website as received
27 November	Final date for entries
9 December	Individual scratchings close
11 December:	Managers Meeting and NZSSAA AGM (venue and time in newsletter 2)
12/13 December:	Track and Field Championship, Alpine Energy All Weather Track, Timaru
13 December	Road Race Championship, Caroline Bay, Timaru

Age Groups

Junior	Under 16 years on 31 December 2009
Senior	Under 19 and a half years on 31 December 2009
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 on 31 December 2009.

Programme of Events

The draft programme will be available on the NZSSAA website by 2 September.

Road Race

This event will be held on Sunday morning, 13 December at Caroline Bay, Timaru. The first race will commence at 8am. A course map will be available with Newsletter 2.

Entries:

Entry procedures will be explained in Newsletter 2. All entries must be made online on the NZSSAA website on or before 27 November. Naturally any travel or accommodation arrangements will need to be made well before that. The website will be open for entries from 27 October and close on 27 November. **Do not be late with your entries.** There will be a charge of \$10 per late entry after this date. 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 12.00pm on Friday 11 December.

Entry Fees

The entry fees payable per athlete for track and field and/or road race are as follows:

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

\$ 20.00 for 3 or more events

\$10.00 for relay only competitors

Affiliation

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

Scratchings

Scratchings for single events must be done on the NZSSAA website by Wednesday 9 December. After that date any scratchings received will be considered as scratchings from all events.

Accommodation

At this time most accommodation in Timaru is full although there may be the odd Motel unit still available. Temuka and Pleasant Point motels are fully booked but there is still accommodation available at Geraldine township, 30 minutes drive from the track, and Fairlie township, 40 minutes drive from the track, Waimate township, 30 minutes from the track, Raincliff Youth Camp, 30 minutes from Track.

We ask schools who have already booked accommodation in Timaru and elsewhere to determine as accurately as possible what their accommodation requirements will be and release any spare accommodation as soon as possible. Please let Diane Smith (ph no. below) know that so that she can help those who are still looking.

Diane Smith (03) 6899859 can help with accommodation enquiries.

Championship T-shirts

Souvenir T-Shirts will be available for purchase and the details will be included in Newsletter 2.

Enquiries

All enquiries, other than for accommodation should be emailed to oe@nzssaa.org.nz

We look forward to welcoming you to Timaru in December to compete on our All Weather Track .

Kevin O'Sullivan
Chairman
Local Organising Committee