



41st New Zealand Secondary Schools Track & Field and 39th Road Race Championships 2013 Hamilton

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To New Zealand Secondary Schools participating in the Championships

Newsletter Three

Welcome to the 1470 athletes from 225 schools participating in our championships and to everyone taking part in the College Games. We hope that you really enjoy the experience of meeting and competing with so many from around NZ. Welcome to the Cook Islands and Tongan athletes also.

We ask athletes who are available to take part in the Opening Ceremony on Friday evening commencing at 6 pm (assemble at 5.30 pm) at the Claudelands Arena. It would be appreciated if you wore your school tracksuit or uniform please, and bring your school banners.

Available from 2-5 pm on Friday at the same venue will be managers' packs containing athlete numbers, road race transponders and a programme. Also in that pack will be a wrist band for every athlete which is the entry pass to Youth Games activities and to Porritt Stadium. These are to be picked up by the Team Manager and must be signed for. Packs not collected on Friday will be available at Porritt Stadium on Saturday from the TIC (Technical Information Centre) at the eastern end of the stand via the Officials and Competitors gate and at the Road Race course on Sunday.

Timetable of Events

4 December	Individual scratchings close at 12 midnight
6 December	Collection of School Packs from 2 pm, NZSSAA AGM 4 pm, Opening Ceremony 6 pm - all at the Claudelands Arena
7-8 December	Track and Field Championships, Porritt Stadium located off Crosby Road
8 December	Road Race Championships, AgResearch Ruakura located off Ruakura Rd or East St beginning at 8 am

Programme of Events

The Timed programme is available on the NZSSAA website.

Marshalling

All events are marshalled at the marshalling tent on the warm-up ground 30 mins prior to the event (40 mins for Junior Girls and Senior Boys Long Jumps).

Parking

There is limited parking at Porritt Stadium as no parking is permitted on the grassed areas (except for Officials). Please park in the surrounding streets but be careful not to block driveways or discard rubbish on the verges. At the Road Race either park in the Innovation Park area off Ruakura Rd or in East Street off Peachgrove Rd (do not use the Vision Church car parks please).

Admission Charges to Porritt Stadium

Adults: \$5

Secondary School students: \$2

Intermediate School students, Primary School students and younger children: no charge

Scratchings

Scratchings for single events must be made by Wednesday 4 December at 12 midnight using the online entries system. This can only be done by the person holding the school username and password. Go to current entries; to scratch an athlete from a single event select **clear**; to scratch from all events select remove. Scratchings received after the Wednesday midnight deadline will be considered as scratchings from all events.

NZSSAA AGM

There will be no managers' meeting this year but there will be a Help Desk available when managers pick up their team packs. The NZSSAA AGM will begin at 4 pm in a downstairs room in the Arena and we encourage you to attend. The agenda is on the website.

We look forward to welcoming you to Hamilton on Friday.

John Tylden

LOC convenor