



New Zealand Secondary Schools  
Athletics Association



**41<sup>st</sup> New Zealand Secondary Schools Track & Field and 39<sup>th</sup> Road Race Championships and NZ Youth Games 2013  
Hamilton**

8 October 2013

To All New Zealand Secondary Schools

**Newsletter 2**

Organisation of the 2013 Championships at Porritt Stadium on 7 and 8 December is progressing well. The local organising committee is made up of representatives of the Waikato Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Athletics Association and Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty, with support from Sport Waikato. This year, as was the case in 2000, 2004 and 2008 the event is part of the New Zealand Youth Games (previously College Games) in which 16 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 Youth Games which run from Thursday 5 December to Sunday 8 December. Check the link to the New Zealand Youth Games website, [www.nzyg.co.nz](http://www.nzyg.co.nz) and register there. Registration costs \$10.00 per athlete and is optional for athletes entering into the NZSS championships but we encourage you to register and take part in the whole New Zealand Youth Games experience and in particular visit the Games Village at the Claudelands Arena on Heaphy Tce. There will be an information sheet on our website for what's on offer for athletes who register for the Youth Games.

**Timetable of Events**

28 August	Newsletter 1 available on <a href="http://www.nzssaa.org.nz">www.nzssaa.org.nz</a>
9 September	Draft programme sessions available on NZSSAA website
8 October	Newsletter 2 available on NZSSAA website
21 October	Online entries open (a week later than previously indicated in Newsletter 1)
Ongoing	School entries posted on NZSSAA website as received
22 November	Final date for entries (please note entry closure has been extended from 18 November)
4 December	Individual scratchings close
6 December	Manager's packs available from 3.00 pm, NZSSAA AGM (5.00 pm) and NZ Youth Games Opening Ceremony(6.00 pm) at the Claudelands Arena
7/8 December	Track and Field Championships, Porritt Stadium. Managers Packs available from TIC
8 December	Road Race Championships, Ruakura Agricultural Research Centre. Managers Packs available from finish area.

**Age Groups**

Junior	Under 16 years on 31 December 2013
Senior	Under 20 years on 31 December 2013
Note	Competition is open only to students currently enrolled in Years 9 and above and attending an NZSSAA affiliated school(except for overseas athletes accepted by NZSSAA)
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 2013
Para-Athletes	As for Junior and Senior above except the Senior age for ORS funded students is under 22 on 31 December 2013. Contact <a href="mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz">oe@nzssaa.org.nz</a> to enter over 20 years of age athletes.

**Programme of Events**

The guideline programme is available on the NZSSAA website.

## Road Race

This event will be held on Sunday morning, 8 December at the Ruakura Agricultural Research Centre. The first race will commence at 8 am. The programme is included in the guideline programme on the NZSSAA website. A course map will be available shortly on our website. Please note that the medal ceremonies for the Road Race will be held at the Claudelands Arena, cnr Heaphy Tce and Brooklyn Rd, beginning at 12 noon.

## Disabled Athlete Grades, Categories and Classification changes

There have been changes developed for Para- Athletics (previously AWD) events this year. There will be two age grades (junior and senior) and two divisions, Intellectually Impaired Athletes and Physically and/or Visually Impaired Athletes. Physically and/or Visually Impaired athletes consist of 5 classification groups: Visually impaired, Short Stature, Cerebral Palsy, Amputees /Others and Wheelchair user and will compete together with results will being calculated against a percentage of the world record for their Paralympic classifications. We will have detailed information on these changes in the Technical Information and Standards on the website along with provisional classification forms that can be downloaded, filled out and sent to Paralympics NZ. If you have comments on these changes please email [oe@nzssaa.org.nz](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz) .

## Entries

All entries must be made online on the NZSSAA website on or before **22 November**. The website will be open for entries from 21 October and will close on **22 November** at midnight. Please note the later opening and closing dates from those in Newsletter1.

## Affiliation

The Association collects school affiliation fees with entries. Schools that did not have competitors at the National Cross Country Championships in Christchurch will have the \$36 affiliation fee added to their entries invoice.

## Entry Fees

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

\$15.00	One or two events (including the road race)
\$20.00	3 or more events
\$10.00	Relay competitors only

**Do not be late with your entries.** After 22 November further entries will only be added with the approval of the Local Organising Committee and will be administered by the online entries administrator. Late entries will only be accepted **if there has been a genuine error or accepted reason** 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. There will be a charge of \$10 per late entry and they need to be emailed to [oe@nzssaa.org.nz](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz). NO LATE ENTRIES will be accepted after 12 noon on Friday 6 December.

**Entries for all NZSSAA events are to be submitted online. To get started go to [www.nzssaa.org.nz](http://www.nzssaa.org.nz) and launch the online entries site by following the instructions below.**

1	Visit <a href="http://entries.co.nz/o/nzstfrr2013/">http://entries.co.nz/o/nzstfrr2013/</a> under Entry Procedures. This can be found on the home page or by selecting Competitions and then the current championships.
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 school information first so that you are not prompted to fill it in when you proceed to making your entries.*

Your entries are complete when you have chosen a payment option, produced an invoice and paid. There are two options for payment. The first is by **school or personal credit card**. The second is by direct crediting the **NZSSAA Entries** bank account **12-3150-0174691-00**. Please note that you can add additional entries yourself up until entries close even though you may have already generated an invoice or paid. Enter your additional athletes and pay for them accordingly.

**Payment by cheque is no longer an option except for a late payment when the cheque is handed directly into the TIC at the championships in order to uplift your competition numbers.**

Please note: Athletes will not appear in the confirmed entries list on the website and will not be able to compete until entry fees have been confirmed as having been paid.

Entry enquiries are to be by email only to [oe@nzssaa.org.nz](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz) please

### **Missing your school's 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](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz) to request them.

### **Scratchings**

Scratchings for single events must be done on the NZSSAA website by Wednesday 4 December. After that date any scratchings received will be considered as scratchings from all events.

**NB** The Road Race and the Track and Field Championships are separate championships and scratching from one after Wednesday does not stop an athlete taking part in the other. Scratchings are not required for the road race unless the team manager plans to substitute a replacement runner and this can be done right up to the time of the race using the scratchings/replacements form provided to managers.

### **Accommodation**

Accommodation information is available at [www.nzyg.co.nz](http://www.nzyg.co.nz) or on the NZSSAA website. NZ Youth Games has accommodation available at the University of Waikato Halls of Residence, at Hamilton Girls High School's Sonning Hill Hostel and at The Kingsgate Hotel. There is plenty of motel and other accommodation in Hamilton. School team managers are asked to book accommodation for their teams themselves please.

### **Championship T-shirts**

Souvenir T-shirts will be available for purchase for \$35 each and can be ordered on the New Zealand Youth Games website at [www.nzyg.co.nz](http://www.nzyg.co.nz). If you want the shirt that has the NZSSAA logo on it and saying NZ Secondary Schools Track, Field and Road Race Championships Hamilton 2013 as well as the Youth Games logo you will need to indicate that when you are making your order. As soon as we have more details on the T shirts we will post that information on the website.

### **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 at [oe@nzssaa.org.nz](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz).

### **Enquiries**

All enquiries should be emailed to [oe@nzssaa.org.nz](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz).

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Hamilton in December and hope that record numbers of athletes will participate in our national championships and the NZ Youth Games.

John Tylden  
Local Organising Committee Convenor