



**The 42<sup>nd</sup> New Zealand Secondary Schools Track & Field and 39<sup>th</sup> Road Race Championships  
Wanganui 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December at Cooks Gardens and Kowhai Park**

19<sup>th</sup> September 2014

To All New Zealand Secondary Schools

**Newsletter One**

Organisation of the 2014 Championships at Cooks Gardens on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December is well underway. The local organising committee is made up of representatives of Athletics Wanganui, Sport Wanganui and Wanganui Collegiate School.

**Timetable of Events**

Please see the Draft programme which is similar to last year's with some minor changes to field events to suit the configuration of the venue. **The Horizontal programme is provisional** and at present caters for a qualifying competition if entries are larger than 40 and could be changed to accommodate high entries.

**It would help if schools would follow the guidelines on entries in such field events.**

20 September	Newsletter 1 available on <a href="http://www.nzssaa.org.nz">www.nzssaa.org.nz</a>
23 September	Draft programme sessions available on NZSSAA website
7 October	Newsletter 2 available on NZSSAA website
14 October	Online entries open
Ongoing	School entries posted on NZSSAA website as received and paid for
21 November	Final date for entries
3 December	Individual scratchings close
5 December	Manager's packs available at Wanganui Collegiate School NZSSAA AGM (venue at Wanganui Collegiate - time in next Newsletter)
6/7 December	Track and Field Championships at Cooks Gardens
7 December	Road Race Championships, Kowhai Park

**Age Groups**

All athletes must have turned 13 prior to 31 December 2014

**Junior** Under 16 as at 31 December 2014 (born on or after 1 January 1999)

**Senior** Under 20 as at 31 December 2014 (born between 1 January 1995 and 31 December 1998)

**Year 9 Road Race only** Runners must be under 15 as at 31 December 2014 (born on or after 1 January 2000)  
(A runner can compete in the Year 9 race once only.)

**Para Athletes** As for junior and senior above except the Senior age for ORS funded students is under 22 on 31 December 2014. Contact [oe@nzssaa.org.nz](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz) to enter over 20 years of age athletes.

**Road Race**

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

**Affiliation**

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

**Entries**

Entry procedures will be explained in Newsletter 2. All entries must be made online on the NZSSAA website on or before 21 November. Naturally any travel or accommodation arrangements will need to be made well before that. The website will be open for entries from 14 October and close on 21 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 12.00 noon on Friday 5 December.

**Entry Fees**

The entry fees payable per athlete for track and field and/or road race are \$15 for 1 to 2 events, \$20 for 3 or more events and \$10 for relays only.

**Scratchings**

Scratchings for single events must be done on the NZSSAA website by Wednesday 3 December. After that date any scratchings received will be considered as scratchings from all events.

**Accommodation**

We have updated information and included details of alternative accommodation on the NZSSAA website. Although accommodation is filling fast there are still some vacancies. It is worth noting that Palmerston North is only an hour's drive away and Marton about 30 minutes from Wanganui. We will give an update in the next Newsletter. Further information can be supplied by the Wanganui I site. [wanganui@i-SITE.org](mailto:wanganui@i-SITE.org)

**Championship T-shirts**

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

**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) or, to [amcnab@collegiate.school.nz](mailto:amcnab@collegiate.school.nz)

We look forward to welcoming you to Wanganui in December and hope that record numbers of athletes will participate in our national championships.

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