

New Zealand Secondary Schools Track, Field and Road Race Championships
Timaru - 4, 5, 6 December 2015

Newsletter 2

Welcome to our second newsletter. Our Local Organising Committee has representatives of local athletics organisations and Sport South Canterbury, and has been working hard behind the scenes for a few months now. Slowly everything seems to be coming together.

Timeline

14 September	Newsletter 2 available on NZSSAA website
12 October	Online entries open
Ongoing	School entries posted on NZSSAA website as received and paid for
19 October	Newsletter 3 available on NZSSAA website
20 November	Final date for entries
1 December	Individual scratchings close
3/4 December	Manager's packs available at Aorangi Pavilion.
4 December	Managers meeting followed by NZSSAA AGM (venue - upstairs lounge Southern Trust Events Centre, Aorangi Park beginning at 6pm)
4/5/6 December	Track and Field Championships at Aorangi Stadium
6 December	Road Race Championships, Caroline Bay

Entries

All entries must be made online on the NZSSAA website on or before **20 November**. The website will be open for entries from **12 October** and will close on **20 November** at midnight.

Affiliation

The Association collects school affiliation fees with entries. Schools that did not have competitors at the Cross Country Championships in Dunedin will have the \$36.00 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 20 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. **No late entries will be accepted after 12 noon on Wednesday 2 December.**

Entries for all NZSSAA events are to be submitted online. To get started go to www.nzssaa.org.nz and launch the online entries site by following the instructions below.

1	Visit http://entries.co.nz/o/nzsstfr2015/ 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 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 to request them.

Scratchings

Scratchings for single events must be done on the NZSSAA website by midnight **Tuesday 1 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 Tuesday 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.

Programme of Events

The guideline programme for the weekend is available on the Website. The Pole Vault and Hammer Throw begin on Friday afternoon at 1pm.

Throwing Implements

Personal implements may be used by competitors for throwing events provided they are checked and approved by the Technical Equipment Manager prior to competition. Personal implements then become part of the pool available to all competitors in that competition.

It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to have these implements to the Technical Equipment Manager at the times below:

- Implements required for Friday afternoon field events - to the equipment shed at the north end of the stadium by 11.00am Friday.
- Implements required for all Saturday field events – to the equipment shed at the north end of the stadium by 5.00pm Friday.
- Implements required for all Sunday field events - to the equipment shed at the north end of the stadium by 5.00pm Saturday.

Starting blocks will be provided for track athletes in the sprint races. If an athlete wishes to use their own blocks once again these must be checked prior to competition, at times as above.

Spikes - in track events, long jump and triple jump, spikes must be no longer than 6mm. High jump and javelin areas spikes may be up to 9mm long.

We once again advise that with competition starting on Friday afternoon the whole facility will be open to athletes Thursday afternoon 2pm to 5pm, and Friday morning 9am to 11.00am, after 11am Friday only those athletes competing in Pole Vault or Hammer will be allowed access inside the track perimeter fence. Please be aware that during these times there will be people setting up tents and gear and care must be taken at all times. No implements are to be thrown on the inner field during these times, practice with implements will be immediately before competition. Warm up area will be the cricket grounds next to the track facility - a team manager must be supervising their athlete at all times while warming up. There will be no sound system on the warm up area. It is up to the Team Manager to ensure their athlete signs in at the call tents at the appropriate time for competition.

School Packs will be able to be collected from the Aorangi Pavilion next to the 100m start on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, or at the Managers meeting.

Road Race

Since our last newsletter the course for the road race has changed due to some problems with our first option. Now the Road Race will again be held around Caroline Bay, which proved to be a popular course. The first race will commence at 8am on Sunday 6th. A map will be available with Newsletter 3.

Accommodation

We are aware accommodation is very limited in Timaru now, and we ask that you remember that we have a number of surrounding towns close to Timaru which also have accommodation.

Temuka, Pleasant Point, Winchester, Geraldine, all within 15 mins to half hour drive north of Timaru, Hinds, 40-45mins, Ashburton is just under an hours drive away. Fairlie 35 minutes west.

To the South we have Waimate 35 min away and Oamaru an hours drive away.

School Tent Sites

A limited number of Tent Sites are available to schools, most of these sites will be located on the bank overlooking the back straight of the Track, please advise m.h.mackle@xtra.co.nz if you require a tent site and space will be allocated. This ensures school tents will not impede on service vehicles. If possible we request that the tents be erected Thursday or Friday morning, before competition on Friday afternoon.

Photographer

Nesport Photography will be the official photographers at the Championship. Flyers will be in the School Packs providing information.

Photographs will be available on their website www.nesport.co.nz after the Championships.

Championships Tee Shirts

Souvenir Tee Shirts will be available for purchase and details will be included in Newsletter 3.

Regards

Helen Mackle
Chair LOC

P.S. The following information is on the NZSSAA web site:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guideline Programme• Officials Application Form• Accommodation in Timaru• Newsletter One	<p>Para Athlete Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Para Athletes Information• PNZ Guide to Classification• PNZ Physical Impairment Classification Form• PNZ Intellectual Impairment Eligibility• PNZ Intellectual Impairment Classification Form• PNZ Visual Impairment Medical Diagnostics Form
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More will be added to the web site in the lead up to the Champs.