



NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TRACK, FIELD & ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ngā Puna Wai
Ōtautahi Christchurch
8th – 10th December 2023

NEWSLETTER #3

29 November 2023

Nau mai, haere mai, tēnā koutou katoa.

Welcome to the third newsletter for the 2023 New Zealand Secondary Schools Track, Field and Road Championships.

Please refer to Newsletter 1 and 2 as the information provided there has not been repeated except for the remainder of the timeline and where initial information has been enhanced. Congratulations to everyone who has chosen to take part. We have 1100 athletes from 200 schools at the close of entries.

TIMELINE

- **29 November** - Newsletter #3 available on NZSSAA website and Facebook pages.
- **5 December** - Online scratchings close at 11.59 pm. Thereafter scratchings need to be done through the **Technical Information Centre (TIC)** outside the finish line by 90 minutes prior to the scheduled time of the event. See below and Programme Booklet for full rules and details.
- **7 December 2pm to 6pm** - venue open for inspection and light training. Please note the infield of the main track is totally closed to competitors and supporters.
- **7 December 2pm to 6pm** – Team Managers packs available at the **Entrance Gate** and from **9am 8 December onwards at the (only) Entrance Gate as required.**
- **8 December** – The NZSSAA AGM will not happen and will be held online in early 2024.
- **8-10 December** - Track and Field Championships at Ngā Puna Wai Athletic Complex.
- **8 December** - 50th Anniversary Dinner to be held at the **Ngā Puna Wai Sports Hub Lounge**, with refreshments and nibbles at 7.00pm, dinner from 7.30pm followed by after dinner speeches and socialising. Doors open at 6.30pm. Bookings close on December 1st and the cost is \$45 per head.
- **9 December** - Officials Appreciation Function and barbeque at the Ngā Puna Wai Sports Hub Lounge and Café from 6pm. Doors open at 5.30pm.
- **10 December** - Road Race Championships at Canterbury Agricultural Park from 8am.
- **10 December at 5pm** (or earlier if possible) - the NZSSAA New Zealand Team and Athletes of the Meeting will be announced. Please try to arrange travel so your athletes can participate in this event by their support or participation.

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

The timed programme, competitors' information, and progressions along with other important rules and information are available on the website.

LIVE RESULTS

Live results will be available throughout the championships through Athletics Live and Live Results. Information on how to access these will be available on the NZSSAA website and Facebook nearer the time.



LIVE STREAMING

The Track and Field Championships will be live streamed on Whakaata Māori but it will not be complete coverage being on Saturday and Sunday only. The main focus will be on senior events in line with the Charter on the Broadcast and Sponsorship of Secondary School Sport. Links will be placed on the NZSSAA website and Facebook.

SCRATCHINGS

We will accept scratchings on the forms available at the **Technical Information Centre** up to **ninety [90] minutes** prior to the **start time of the event**.

Any scratching applied for after the ninety-minute deadline will be considered a scratching from all other events the athlete is entered in unless permission is granted to continue in them by application to the Technical Delegate.

We would very much appreciate scratchings either from single events or from the championships completely as soon as the decision has been made, please and preferably by **Tuesday 5 December** by **11.59pm** so that the fields are as accurate as possible when we import the information into the results system to determine the heats required and the numbers taking part in field events.

Scratching an athlete in the online entries system is easy. The person managing entries for the school should **login** and go to **current entries**.

- To scratch an athlete from the **entire meeting** select **Remove** to the right of the athlete's name.
- To scratch an athlete from a **single event/s** select the athletes name to open up their entry information window and select **clear** to the left of the **event/s** they wish to scratch from.

After Tuesday 5 December the online entries system will not be available for this process and scratchings will have to be made at the Technical Information Centre when the athlete/s arrive at the venue.

NB: ROAD RACE Scratchings *are not required unless the team manager plans to substitute a replacement runner. This can be done right up to the time of the race using the scratchings/replacements form provided to managers.*

ROAD RACE

The Road Race will be held in the next door to Ngā Puna Wai Sports Hub at the Canterbury Agriculture Park. Parking is available within the park near the start and finish area. Please refrain from parking on the large grass squares as the CCC is wanting the to recover for winter sport.

It is a 1.33km to walk from the Ngā Puna Wai Entrance Gate to the start of the road race. Maps of course and how to get there can be found in the Programme Booklet or on the NZSSAA website.

Timing will be done electronically using a timing chip attached to one running shoe. Chips will be issued with the Team Managers packs and must be placed in the buckets at the end of the race before athletes leave the finish area. If an athlete doesn't race or finish, then chips need to be returned to the finish line buckets or to TIC back at the track before you leave please.

Medals will be presented to the first 3 individuals and the 3 person and 6 person teams at the road race course straight after the finish of each race. Please do not go away for a warm down if you are likely to be involved as we will make presentations as close to the completion of your race as possible. Please note that the road races will not be livestreamed.

Some emergency water will be available at the finish area, but athletes need to bring their own water in the first instance. There are taps around the park that bottles can be refilled from.

PARA ATHLETE INFORMATION

Classification will take place on Thursday in the Mushroom Building in the northeast corner of the warmup track (see Stadium map). The Chief Classifier will be in contact soon with all athletes requiring classification to establish appointments.

MERCHANDISE

Merchandise pre-orders have now closed and it is planned that these orders will be available for collection from the Clothing Caravan just inside the Entrance Gate from Friday afternoon. Further orders can be placed at the Clothing Caravan during the weekend or online after the event, via the NZSSAA website.

The Clothing Caravan may have a small range of sample sizes to try on before orders are placed.

SCHOOL TENTS

Tents can be erected from Thursday afternoon onwards on the understanding that they are there at each school's own risk. No tents may be erected on the finish straight embankment without prior consent from the LOC Chairman/Event Manager.

When positioning your tent, all pegs etc driven into the ground must stay at least 500mm away from warning lines painted on the grass - blue for shallow water pipes, red for lethal power wires.

IF IN DOUBT, please consult the LOC Chairman/Event Manager on 027 295 8003.

Please note that Ngā Puna Wai can be subject to strong tent wrecking winds from all directions and tents should be taken down overnight. Should the wind be strong at any time during the event, the Event Manager may require tents to be taken down for health and safety reasons.

There will be overnight security on site, but the LOC does not accept responsibility for the overseeing and safety of the tents, nor will the guard pull down any tents left up and affected by wind.

ENTRANCE GATE and CHARGES

There is only one entrance to the Athletic Track facilities over the weekend. This is at the 100m start corner and closest to the carparks. Security fencing will close off all other entrances. Signage will point you towards the Entrance Gate.

Friday Adults \$5.00 Saturday Adults \$10.00 Sunday Adults \$10.00

A "Multi Day Pass" is available for \$20 on Friday and Saturday.

School Age and younger children are free.

Athletics NZ registered coaches with a current official's card can show this at the Main Entrance to gain free access.

Team Managers will find a pass or passes in your Team Pack which will get you through the Entrance Gate. Guests will be emailed with instructions on how to collect their Gate Pass or Lanyard Pass.

DISABILITY ACCESS

There is considerable disability parking close to the Entrance Gate. Please identify yourself to the Wigram Lions parking attendants and they will direct you to it.

People with a disability that stops them going straight up into the grandstand or embankment from the footpath outside the arena fence will need to return to inside the Entrance Gate and then follow down the side of the blue hockey turf where ramps are provided for you. This would also be the route you would need to take to get to the food vendors and Hub Café. See the map in the Programme Booklet or on the NZSSAA website. There are disability toilets at the back of the TIC building on top of the embankment, at the Entrance Gate and outside the Mushroom building at the northeast end of the warmup field. Disability competitors will also have access to a disability toilet within the Marshalling Marque setup near the entrance to the warmup field.

PROGRAMMES

Each team will be issued 1 programme for up to 5 athletes, 2 for 6 to 12 athletes, 3 for 13 to 18 athletes, 4 for 19 to 24 athletes and so on. There will be a limited number for sale for \$5 each at the Entrance Gate.



PARKING

Please do not park outside the Ngā Puna Wai Sports Hub main gates (ie outside any house) as this affects our neighbours and our relationship with them.

Please drive into the Ngā Puna Wai Sports Hub complex, where parking will be under the control of the Wigram Lions, except early morning and late afternoon.

You are asked to follow their directions. They will know via radio and spotters where there are free parks and will direct you to those. They have access to overflow parking if needed but it is hoped that everybody will fit within the approximately 600 sealed parks outside the athletic track.

There is little space for drop offs outside the Entrance Gate. Instead, we request you follow Wigram Lions directions to a park, drop off your charges, and then drive out.

There is considerable disability parking close to the Entrance Gate. Please identify yourself to the Wigram Lions attendants and they will direct you to it.

FOOD VENDORS

Up to eight food vendors and one coffee cart will be setup on the lawn outside the Hub Building behind the grandstand. The Café inside the Hub will also be selling food and coffee. Go to the top of the embankment and down the disability ramp to access these offerings and the four portable toilets provided. One coffee cart will be inside the embankment past the finish line for your convenience also.

WATER

Please bring you own containers for water as we are aiming to keep waste to a minimum. There will be two water carts for refilling water containers setup, one near the Entrance Gate and one near the entrance to the warmup field.

SHOE CLINIC TRAILER

Shoe Clinic will have their large trailer of shoes and clothing just inside the Entrance Gate all weekend and offer 20% to 50% off all track spike and racing flats.

FIRST AID and PHYSIO

An Ambulance and two medical staff will be on site for the whole of the event. They will be stationed just inside the Entrance Gate. If you need urgent assistance and can't go to them, as an official to radio them and they will come to you. We have been unable to get anybody willing to supply physio services.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The Official Photographers will be Gary Nesbit and Raewyn Murray.

Gary will be working part time and has offered his photos free to all who wish to use them.

Raewyn will cover the whole weekend and will upload her photos to her website where you can purchase them for \$10. She will offer discounts for multiple photos if asked.

Details of how to access these photos will be placed on the NZSSAA website once details have been finalised.

MANAGERS MEETING and AGM MEETING

It has been decided that there will be no Managers Meeting, either in person or online. All queries should be addressed to the TIC room outside the finish line. As mentioned above, there will be no AGM at the Championships, this will instead be held online early in 2024.

Nō reira tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

John Gamblin

LOC Convenor/Event Manager

