



New Balance 34th New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships 2007

Newsletter

To All New Zealand Secondary Schools:

Welcome to the New Balance 34th New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships to be held in Christchurch at the Halswell Quarry Park. The Organising Committee calls for entries from your school to this event.

Date: Saturday 16th June 2007

Event Organisers

The Local Organising Committee of Christchurch teachers in association with the Athletics Canterbury Road and Cross Country Committee are organising the Championships. The Host School for the Prize Giving and Socials is Christchurch Boys' High School. The Prize Giving and Social Functions on Saturday after the event will be held at Christchurch Boys' High School in Straven Road.

Christchurch Boys' High School is not involved in the Entry Process or the Administration of the Championships. Please do not contact the School.

Course

The Course at Halswell Quarry Park will include a 1 km and a 3 km loop to accommodate the 3, 4, and 6 km race distances. The actual Course will not be published prior to the event as the exact setting up will depend on the ground conditions which vary considerably in some parts of the Park depending on rainfall in the preceding weeks. It is also possible that small changes to the course may also be made between races to minimise damage to the turf in corners and steeper downhill sections.

A useful link to the location of the Park is <http://www.ccc.govt.nz/Parks/NaturalAreas/halswellquarry.asp>

Functions

- Technical Meeting (Managers' Meeting) 10.00am, Saturday 16th June at Halswell Quarry Park.
- Prize Giving at 4.00pm in the Auditorium at Christchurch Boys' High School, Straven Road. Use this link for the Street location <http://www.wises.co.nz//Canterbury/Fendalton/Te+Kura+Street/>
- An Athletes' Disco will be held in the Christchurch Boys' High School Gymnasium.
- A Function for Team Managers and Officials will be held in the Big Room at Christchurch Boys' High School, which is a suitable distance from the Gymnasium.

Programme of Events

Friday 15th June

3.30pm until 5.00pm

Team Manager Packs will be available at Christchurch Boys' High School. An exact location at the School will be notified on the website announcements.

Saturday 16th June

9.00am	Team Manager Packs Available
10.00am	Managers' Technical Meeting
11.10am	Year 9 Girls
11.35am	Year 9 Boys
12.00noon	Junior Girls

12.30pm	Junior Boys
1.00pm	Senior Girls
1.30pm	Senior Boys
4.00pm	Prize Giving Christchurch Boys' High Auditorium

Note: There is no Athletics New Zealand Short Course Championships this year. Our Programme has been shortened as a result. Athletics Canterbury's Jane Paterson Memorial Races will take place on the Course with the age group events in the morning prior to the Championships and the seniors in the afternoon after the Championships.

Age Groups

Year 9	Year 9 students only. All must be under 15 as at 31 December 2007. An athlete can only run in the Year 9 race once.
Junior	Under 16 as at 31 December 2007.
Senior	Under 19.5 as at 31 December 2007.

Race Distances

Year 9 Boys	3 km
Year 9 Girls	3 km
Junior Girls	3 km
Junior Boys	4 km
Senior Girls	4 km
Senior Boys	6 km

Team Size

- Schools with three to five finishers in any event will automatically be entered in the three person teams' competition to score team points.
- Schools with six or more finishers in any event will automatically be entered in both the three person and six person competitions.

Medals will be awarded to all scoring members in the leading three teams in both the three and six to score events.

Participation and Affiliation to NZSSAA

Participation in these Championships is open to any student Year 9 or higher who attends a New Zealand Secondary School. Year 7 and 8 students are not eligible to compete under any circumstances. Affiliation with the New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletic Association is now invoiced as part of the entry process for the Championships. The affiliation fee is currently \$36.00 incl. GST per school.

Entry Fees

The cost per individual entry is \$10.00, which includes the \$3.00 NZSSAA Travel Fund Levy.

There will be a charge of \$2.00 per printed programme.

Tickets to the Athletes' Disco will cost \$8.00.

These may both be ordered and paid for with entries or purchased on the day.

Timings and Notes

- Entries open online Monday 30th April
- Entries close online at Midnight Monday 11th June
- No Entries will be accepted after that time.
- NZSSAA website www.nzssaa.org.nz
- Entry enquiries, by email only, to oe@nzssaa.org.nz We are unable to accept phone calls or faxes.
- Please be aware that the Athletes' Disco function is alcohol free and in accordance with the requirements of the organisers, all those attending will be breath tested prior to admission.
- This is the only Newsletter. Other information will be posted as announcements on our website.
- We will not be selling t-shirts for these Championships.

Accommodation

No accommodation or billeting is being organised by the Organising Committee. As for the Track and Field Championships in December last, we direct you to the large number of Motels and other accommodation in the Riccarton area with easy access to Christchurch Boys' High School and South West Christchurch.