

New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Association
42nd New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships 2015
Gladfield Golf Course, Dunedin - Saturday 20 June
Newsletter #2

To All New Zealand Secondary Schools

The Perpetual Guardian New Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships will be held at the Gladfield Golf Course, East Taieri, Dunedin on **Saturday 20th June 2015**.

Once again we are delighted to have Perpetual Guardian as our naming right sponsor for this event.

DIRECTIONS AND PARKING:

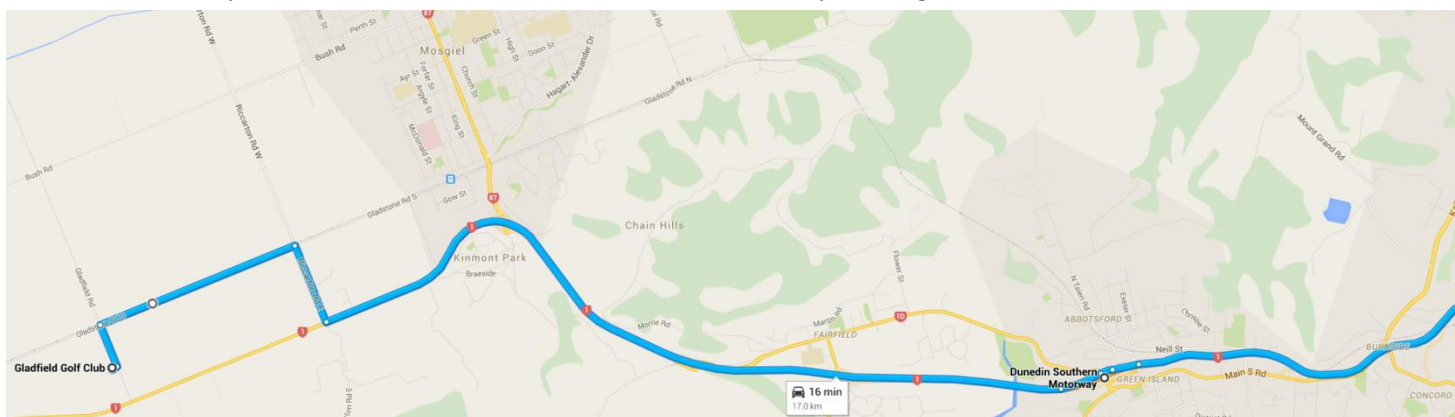
Gladfield Golf course is located at East Taieri, south of Dunedin city - just 10 minutes drive to Mosgiel and 20 minutes drive to Dunedin city centre.

For traffic management and safety reason we ask that if you are traveling to the event from Dunedin that you follow the directions below.

We STRONGLY SUGGEST YOU FOLLOW THE BELOW DIRECTIONS to get to the event from Dunedin.

[Click here](#) to view the below map.

1. Head south out of Dunedin on the Southern Motorway heading towards Mosgiel
2. Turn right onto Riccarton Road East (once you get to East Taieri)
3. Take your first left onto Gladstone Road South, in 2km you will get to the Gladfield Golf Course



Entry Procedures (Team Managers/Sports Coordinators):

- Entries open online on **Monday 18 May**
- Entries close online at **midnight Friday 12 June**

Do NOT be late with your entries!

After 12 June any further entries will need to be approved by the online entries administrator before they are added. Late entries are to be emailed to oe@nzssaa.org.nz. There will be a charge of \$10 per late entry added to the schools online account.

ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Go to the NZSSAA website www.nzssaa.org.nz and click on <http://entries.co.nz/o/nzssxc2015>
- 2) A login prompt will be presented to your browser. Enter your assigned username and password to proceed into the system
- 3) Please fill in your school information first before making your entries

If you do not have the schools username and password check with your principal who should be holding a copy of it. If necessary email oe@nzssaa.org.nz to request your information.

Affiliation Fee	\$36.00 inc. GST per school, payable with online entries
Entry Fees	\$15.00 inc. GST per athlete, which includes the \$5.00 NZSSAA Travel Fund Levy

Your entries are complete when you have chosen a payment option, produced an invoice and paid.

There are two payment options:

- 1) by **school or personal credit card**
- 2) **Direct crediting** into the NZSSAA entries bank account **12-3150-0174691-00**

Please note that you can add additional entries yourself up until entries close (12 June), even though you may have already generated an invoice or paid. Simply 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 to the race organisers at the championships in order to uplift your competitor numbers.

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

All entry enquires are to be emailed ONLY to oe@nzssaa.org.nz please.

AGE GROUPS:

All runners MUST have turned/be turning 13 prior to the 31st December 2015

Year 9	Runners must be under 15 as at the 31 st December 2015 (born on or after 1 st January 2001) (A runner can compete in the year 9 race once only)
Junior	Under 16 as at 31 st December 2015 (born on or after 1 st January 2000)
Senior	Under 20 as at 31 st December 2015 (born between 1 st January 1996 and 31 st December 1999)
Para Athletes	As for Junior and Senior above except the Senior age for ORS funded students is under 22 on 31 December 2015. Contact oe@nzssaa.org.nz to enter over 20 years of age athletes.

3 AND 6 PERSONS TEAMS:

Schools that have a number of athletes entered in an age group are eligible to be placed in the team results also.

- Schools with a minimum of 3 athletes in a race will be eligible to be placed in the 3 member team placings
- Schools with a minimum of 6 athletes in a race will be eligible to be placed in both the 3 team and 6 team placings

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS:

Friday 19 June

1pm – 5pm	Course open for inspection (please do not come to the course before 1pm)
1pm – 5pm	Managers packs are available for collection at the designated area at the race venue. Packs will only be issued to Team Managers and NOT individual athletes.

Saturday 20 June

8.30am	Course opens for inspection. Managers pack available for collection
9.15am	Managers Meeting – Gladfield Golf Club Rooms
10.00am	PA Combined Disability/Girls and Boys - 2km
10.30am	Year 9 Girls – 3km
11.00am	Year 9 Boys – 3km
11.30am	Junior Girls – 3km
12noon	Junior Boys – 4km
12.30pm	Senior Girls – 4km
1.00pm	Senior Boys – 6km
4.00pm	Prize giving – Kings’s High School
7.30pm – 10.00pm	Athletes Disco/Manager Function – Queen’s High School

PARTICIPATION AND AFFILIATION TO NZSSAA:

Participation in the Championships is open to any student Year 9 or above 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 Athletics Association is invoiced as part of the entry process for the Championships.

Para Athletes participation is encouraged and athletes wishing to compete can choose 1 of 2 entry options:

- 1) 2km PA girls and boys combined impairment race
- 2) Entry into the non-impaired races with their PA and non-impairment placing’s being identified

PA competitors can contribute to team's results in the non-impaired races. Medals and certificates will be awarded to Junior Boys/Girls and Senior Boys/Girls place getters in the combined impairment race and in all grades in the non-impaired races.

EVENT MERCHANDISE:

Event merchandise (T-shirts and Hoodies) are now available to order through Uptown Art. We ask that *merchandise orders are submitted as a group order via the school*. We do not want individual athletes ordering their own merchandise.

ORDERS CLOSE on Monday 15 June.

Please see attached order form for more details and to place your order.

NOTE: All orders and payments are to go DIRECT TO UPTOWN ART.

ACCOMMODATION:

The LOC has been working with the Dunedin I-Site to find the easiest possible way for schools to book accommodation in Dunedin for this event.

I-Site is willing to assist schools with their bookings. All you need to do is contact them via email, visitorcentre@dcc.govt.nz with the subject 'SS Sports June' and they will work with you to find suitable accommodation.

One option that the I-Site has outside of motels/hotels etc. is the Accommodation & Conference Centre at Mosgiel. This comprises a four level tower block with two male and female floors and several twin rooms, all with shared bathroom facilities.

- Single with continental breakfast \$70pp
- Twin and Double ensembles \$100 for up to two pax. extra person in triple rooms \$25.00 bed and breakfast.

If interested in the above then contact the Dunedin I-Site, visitorcentre@dcc.govt.nz

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS:

Limited food and refreshments will be on sale at the course. A coffee van may also be available.

PROGRAMMES:

Managers will receive one or more complementary programmes in their manager pack, based on the number of entries.

Programmes will not be printed for individual athletes, however these will be available online.

Limited additional programmes will be available for sale at \$5 each.

FUNCTIONS:

- **Prize giving** – this will be held at 4pm, at the King's and Queen's Performing Art Centre, 270 Bayview Road, South Dunedin. [Click here](#) for a map.
- **Athletes Social** – 7.30pm till 10pm, at Queen's High School, 195 Surrey Street – tickets MUST to be purchased by Monday 15 June. Please see the attached form for more details and ticket sales.
- **Managers Function** – this will run concurrently with the athletes social at Queen's High School.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:



Description:

The courses starts and finishes on an adjoining farm paddock with the first 280m (gradual incline to an open gate) and last 200m (flat from an opening in fence from the golf course) of each (both 1k & 2k) lap likely to be uneven, soft, and potentially muddy. The remainder of the course is run on the edges of fairways and up and down a gully on the golf course with good footing but challenging terrain (hills) with the gully likely to be wet.



Images: Please refer to the full course map above for the reference letters of the photos



a. Looking back down to the start line – 280m – gate will be open

b. From gate looking to trees turning right



c. Just past gate, cutting across fairway for 1km loop looking at the grass bridge crossing (approx. 370m) (See Image g)



d. In the gully looking to the top of the course (870m back of green which adjoins SH1). Run up the gully on the right of the small ditch that can just be seen, returning on the left side of the ditch. Photo taken from approx. 450m/1200m.



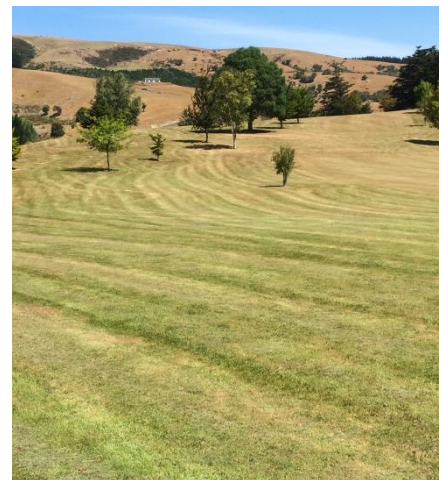
e. Ditch – comfortable step/jump but could be quite wet underfoot

f. Looking up to bushes, sharp right turn onto grass bridge (approx. 1370m)



g. 1st Grass bridge – looking at it as you run on

h. 2nd Grass bridge – looking at it as you come off the bridge



i. Looking from grass bridge back up to top of 1km loop, and crossing fairway and returning fence line on right of course

j. Stile – where fence will be removed (grass will also have been cut!!) looking at last 200m of course -



EVENT FACEBOOK PAGE:

An event Facebook Page has been created. Page name is **NZSS Cross Country Champs 2015**. Please 'like' this page to receive constant updates about important information leading up to the event and also for results, photos etc. post event.

Check the NZSSAA website for future announcements...

Other information will be posted as announcements on the NZSSAA website.

We look forward to hosting you in Dunedin and hope that this fantastic event creates many lasting memories for all involved.

If you have any questions regarding the entries please email oe@nzssaa.org.nz

For general enquires please email nicole@osssa.org.nz

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