

WORLD SECONDARY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS 2016

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Competition: April 26th – May 1st 2016.

NZSSAA intend to take a full team to the ISF World Secondary Schools Cross Country Champs in Hungary 2016. This would include athletes in the following teams:

- A New Zealand Girls team – 6 female runners from throughout the country
- A New Zealand Boys team – 6 male runners from throughout the country
- A New Zealand Girls school team – 6 female runners from the same school
- A New Zealand Boys school team - 6 male runners from the same school

Team management would consist of the following positions :

- *NZSSAA Executive Head of Delegation*
- *NZSSAA Executive Deputy Head of Delegation*
- *NZ boys team manager*
- *NZ girls team manager*
- *NZ schools boys team manager/coach/teacher (from the same school as the athletes)*
- *NZ schools girls team manager/coach/teacher (from the same school as the athletes)*

Each team consists of six athletes and selection will largely be based on results of the 2015 National Secondary School Cross Country Champs in Dunedin although other performances may be taken into consideration. To be eligible for this event athletes must be born in either 1998, 1999, 2000 or 2001 (Please note that this is a change from previous years and now allows for Under 19 on January 1st 2016 athletes to attend). This means that eligible athletes will be spread across both the senior and junior grades at our National Cross Country Champs. Early estimates expect the cost of this trip to be no more than \$6500 for each athlete, this includes airfares, accommodation, travel insurance, a comprehensive team uniform, meals, sightseeing and other activities. Any savings will be passed on to athletes by the overall cost being reduced. School team managers will have a subsidised cost. As in previous years NZSSAA would plan the tour with all athletes traveling together as one team. The timing of the event fits ideally with the 2016 school term holiday breaks (15th April – 1st May) therefore minimising time out of school. It is important to be aware that ALL athletes in each of the four different divisions will be representing New Zealand and will wear a NZ singlet during competition (e.g. school teams do not wear their school uniform).

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The team would depart at the beginning of the first week of the April school holidays, be based in London prior to competition, and will have a short stop in Dubai after the event. Athletes would be away from school for week one of term two (May 2nd – 6th).

Application forms will be available on this website prior to the National Cross Country Championships in Dunedin. Applications will close on Saturday 4th July (end of term 2), two-weeks after the June 20th event. Early financial planning is strongly recommended.

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