

1. NAME:

The name of the Association shall be "The New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletic Association (Incorporated)" herein after referred to as the "Association".

2. HEADQUARTERS:

The headquarters of the Association shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting.

3. OBJECTS:

(a) To control New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletic Championships, and Association, events, and to lay down qualifying standards for such meetings.

(b) Where financially possible, to organise and select teams to take part in international competition.

(c) To advance the interests of Athletics generally and of Secondary School Athletics in particular.

(d) To act as a voice for and to oversee the affairs of the North Island Secondary Schools Athletic Association and the South Island Secondary Schools Association subject to the following articles of understanding:

(i) That decisions taken by NZSSAA executive concerning the interest of the North and South Island Associations would be subject to ratification at the AGMs of the NISSAA and the SISSAA.

(ii) That NZSSAA could be directed toward action approved by the AGMs of the North Island and South Island Associations, subject only to approval by the NZSSAA if required.

(iii) That any rationalisation of secondary school athletics (eg, age groups, championship dates, etc.) be taken only after full consultation with affiliated schools and the Regional and Island Associations. (iv)

That the linkage between the Athletic Associations causes no additional costs to the North Island and South Island Associations.

4. MEMBERSHIP.

(a) All Secondary Schools in New Zealand shall be eligible for membership. The Executive Committee of the Association have the power to admit to membership other educational organisations that regularly compete at Secondary Schools athletic meetings in local areas, at its discretion.

(b) In any particular year members of the Association shall be those schools which have paid the affiliation fee for that year. Application for membership must be on the official form supplied by the Association and signed by the Principal of the School.

The Executive has the right to name the closing date for affiliation in any year. Membership of the Association will lapse if the Affiliation Fee for the current year is not paid by the due date.

(c) The Executive shall have the right to terminate membership of a school that acted in a manner contrary to the objects of the Association or in any other way that could bring the Association into disrepute

5. AGE GROUPS:

Age groups for Championship events shall be:

Juniors – over 13 and under 16 on December 31st in the year of competition

Seniors – over 16 and under 20 on December 31st in the year of competition

AWD – over 13 and under 22 on December 31st in the year of competition

In addition, the Association offers a Year Nine age group at the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Road Race and Cross Country Championships.

Year Nine – over 13 and under 15 on December 31st in the year of competition.

A competitor who has their birthday on December 31 is eligible to compete in the younger age group

6. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES:

- (a) The annual affiliation fee shall be as the Executive Committee shall determine each year.
- (b) When New Zealand Championships are organised the Executive Committee shall have the power to levy such entry fees as it may determine.

7. OFFICERS:

The officers of the Association shall consist of a Patron (see below re appointment), President, (term not to exceed 5 consecutive years), Secretary and Treasurer. Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

Appointment of Patron: the patron be appointed for a term of 2 years (but the appointment can be reviewed and continued for a further term or terms). The nominations shall come from regional delegates and appointment is made by the Executive, to be announced at the AGM

8. COMMITTEES.

(a) The affairs of the Association shall be governed by an Executive Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall consist of at least five members, and shall include a President, who shall act as Chairman of the Executive Committee, Secretary, and Treasurer.

(b) The Executive Committee shall be drawn from one City or Region except for the four representatives drawn from other Regions of New Zealand.

(c) Five Regional Representatives will represent the Southern South Island, Northern South Island, Southern North Island, Central North Island and Northern North Island, to be elected at the AGM on a regional basis. The region where the Executive is based will not have a Regional Representative during their term of office.

(d) A newly elected Region will hold Office for a minimum of two years. (e) The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt members for special purposes.

(f) The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees to organise its various competitions.

(g) The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall be an ex-officio member of all sub committees.

(h) The Chairman of any of the Associations Committees shall have a casting, as well as a deliberative vote.

(i) The elected Executive Committee shall take office at a time arranged between the incoming and outgoing committee.

(j) At any Executive Committee meeting, a quorum shall be at least one half of the members of the committee.

9. GENERAL MEETING:

(a) General Meetings shall be held during the Association's Championships. If the Championships are not held annually then the previously elected Officers and Executive committee shall remain in office until the next General Meeting.

(b) Written notices of the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to all Officers, Life Members, and Affiliated Schools fourteen (14) days prior to such a meeting.

(c) All Officials of the Association and each member school shall be entitled to one vote at the General Meeting. Votes must be cast by a delegate nominated, in writing, to the Secretary of the Association by the Principal of the School no later than one week prior to the General Meeting. The delegate must be a member of that school.

(d) A quorum shall be delegates from **25 schools** taking part in the Championship meeting who are present at the General Meeting.

(e) Any alteration to the Constitution of the Association shall require a notice of motion to be given in writing to the Secretary at least six weeks before a General Meeting and shall require the support of at least 2/3rds of the delegates present.

(f) The Chairman of the General Meeting shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.

(g) Recommendations for changes to Rules of the Competition must be given in writing to the Secretary at least six weeks before a General Meeting.

(h) A Special General Meeting may be ordered by the Executive at any time. To facilitate all members participating in these meetings postal voting will be used.

10. FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

(a) To act on behalf of the Association and implement decisions and policy from General Meetings.

(b) To present the Annual Report and Balance Sheet to the General Meeting. (c) To

lay down the rules and standards for Secondary School Championships. (d) To
determine where Championship Meetings be held.

(e) To adjudicate in any disputes that may arise.

(f) To appoint selectors, coaches, and managers of New Zealand Secondary School Teams and organise trips by such teams.

11. MONEY.

(a) All money paid to the Association shall be lodged in a bank account approved by the Executive Committee.

(b) All cheques issued shall be signed by any two of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

(c) The Association may invest and deal with the funds of the Association upon such securities or in such a manner, and upon such terms and conditions as the Association may think fit.

(d) The Association shall have the power to borrow but only in pursuance of a resolution passed by three-fourths majority of the Executive.

(e) If at any time the Association shall decide to wind up its operations, then the accumulated funds, after disposal of assets, shall be distributed evenly to affiliated schools for the benefit of athletics.

12. COMMON SEAL:

The Association shall have a Common Seal which shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary and which shall be affixed to any document in pursuance of resolution of the Executive Committee and in the presence of the President, the Secretary, and one other member of the Committee.

13. LIFE MEMBER:

Any person may be elected a Life Member of the Association but any such person must be proposed by an Affiliated School and have the approval of the Executive Committee and receive 80% of the votes cast at a General Meeting. Schools to be advised of nominees for Life Membership on the Agenda for the General Meeting. Life Members shall be entitled to vote at General Meetings.