



INTERNATIONAL TRACK MEET

Invitations to NZSS Athletes to International Track Meeting Events, Christchurch, February 26th

Christchurch's International Track Meet (ITM) is returning for 2011. The ITM aims to promote our sport and to help facilitate our New Zealand athletes' development. In its first two years, crowds of over 3000 spectators helped the athletes achieve some great performances while thousands more enjoyed highlights on Sky Television. The meet is proud to showcase a full spectrum of the sport outlining a pathway from 10 year old Colgate Games level competitors to **NZSS Champions** right through to NZ Commonwealth and Olympic Medalists and International representatives.

Events are chosen and tailored around our currently world ranked athletes and the meet is constructed to provide a stimulating competitive environment at home for our athletes to be challenged. The first two years have witnessed multiple international athletes competing and resulted in two New Zealand and one Australian records plus numerous major championship qualifying performances. Nick Willis has confirmed his support for the 2011 ITM and will compete in the 1500m.

The local organising committee is confident that the 2011 ITM on Saturday the 26th of February will be even bigger and better than previous years. For further details about the meeting (and to order tickets) please check our website www.internationaltrackmeet.co.nz

Another continued initiative this year is guaranteed ITM entry for high performers at key meetings throughout the track and field season. For a full break down of NZSS Athletes who are offered a **complimentary entry** and guaranteed start please see below. These athletes/schools(for teams) must contact the ITM via contacts below before 11th February 2011(preferably earlier) and complete an entry form to confirm places. Please note that in some events entry is conditional on event being held.

- First SB 4x400m team will have entry to the open 4x400m which will feature at least one NZ SM team. A **NZSS selection** for a 4 x 400m team based on results of the SB 400m final is also invited.
- First SG 4x400m team will have entry to the open 4x400m which will feature at least one NZ SW team. A **NZSS selection** for a 4 x 400m team based on results of the SG 400m final is also invited.
- The SB 100m champion will have entry to the 'A' 100m final
- The SG 200m champion will have entry to the SW 200m.
- The SG 100mH champion will have entry to the SW 100mH. (Event provisional on sufficient quality entries).
- The SG and SB Long Jump champions will have entry to the Open Long Jump which will be decided by the IAAF points tables.
- The SG and SB High Jump champions will have entry to the Open High Jump which will be decided by the IAAF points tables.
- The SG 800m champion will have entry to the SW 800m (provided this event is held).
- The SB 800m, 1500m and 3000m champions will have entry to the U23/Development 1500m/Mile event (which may be held in the pre-programme).
- The SG 1500m and 3000m champions will have entry to the SW Mile (actual distance still to be confirmed).
- The SG Discus throw champion will have entry to the SW Discus.
- The SB Javelin Throw champion will have entry to the SM Javelin Throw.
- The SG and SB Shot Put champions will be able to compete in the qualifying stages of the open Shot Put and thereby gain entry to the final. (Note qualifying is scheduled for midday Friday 25th February.)
- The schools placed 2nd and 3rd in SG and SB 4 x 400m relays will have entry to the Boys and Girls Secondary Schools Mile relays. (A 4 x 400m except that the first runner runs 9m extra and the first lap is not run in lanes.)

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QEI Stadium, Saturday 26th February 2011.
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