

**New Zealand Secondary Schools Track & Field and Road Race
Championships 2003
Invercargill, Southland**

August 2003

To: All New Zealand Secondary Schools

Newsletter Number One

Welcome to the 31st Track & Field and Road Race Championships

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| Venue | Surrey Park Stadium, Invercargill |
| Date | 5 th - 7 th December |

Introduction

Organization of the 2003 Championships is well underway. The organizing committee is comprised of representatives of Athletics Southland, Southland Secondary Schools and Southland Secondary Schools Sports Directors.

Timetable of Events

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| 5 th August | Newsletter One posted |
| 5 th September | Newsletter Two posted |
| 31 st October | Entries Closing date (Note that this date may be amended. See Newsletter Two) |
| 28 th November | Final date for Late Entries (\$50) |
| October/November | School entries posted on website as payment is confirmed (www.nzssaa.org.nz) |
| 24 th November | Newsletter Three, Programme and Information pack posted. |
| 3 rd December | Last Day for Scratchings from Individual Events in excess of Three. |
| 5 th December | Managers Meeting and NZSSAA AGM |
| 5-7 th December | Track & Field and Road Race Championships |

Age Groups

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| Year 9 | Currently in Year 9 (Must also be Under 15 years on 31 st December 2003) |
| Junior | Under 16 years on 31 st December 2003 |
| Senior | Under 19 ½ years 31 st December 2003 |
| Note | Competition is only open to students currently enrolled in Years 9 plus and attending an affiliated school. |

Road Race Age Groups – as above but

This year we are intending to award medals to the first three Year 9 athletes in the Junior Races. You will be asked to indicate your Year 9 athletes. Failure to do so will eliminate them from the opportunity to gain a Year 9 medal. This must be done at time of entry.

There will be no consideration given on the day to Year 9 athletes that have not been entered as such.

As there will be no Year 9 Teams races, Year 9 students will be able to be part of a Junior team.

Participation in these championships is open to any NZ Secondary School that holds **current affiliation with the New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Association**. For confirmation of affiliation see the website "Affiliated Schools" or for details of the affiliation procedure, please contact Geoff Simons, PO Box 6303, Dunedin, NZSSAA email simonsdn@es.co.nz

Please note that this newsletter has been distributed to all NZ Secondary Schools and its receipt does not confirm affiliation.

AGENDA FOR THE WEEKEND

Friday 5th December 5.00pm to 7.00pm Day 1 Track & Field events – Hammer.
Surrey Park Athletics Stadium
7.00pm Managers Meeting
Stadium Southland
Surrey Park
All Managers, support staff, officials and organizing committee are expected to attend.

NZSSAA Annual General Meeting
This will follow the Managers Meeting, All are welcome. Refreshments will follow the meeting.

Saturday 6th December 8.30am – 8.30pm. Day 2 Track & Field Championships
Surrey Park Athletics Stadium

Sunday 7th December 8.00am Road Race Championships
Donovan Park
Bainfield Road
Invercargill
8.45am – 5.00pm. Day 3 Track & Field Championships

ENTRIES

Entry details will be released with the second posting, due to be distributed on 5 September. All entries must be submitted on the NZSSAA website www.nzssaa.org.nz on or before **31st October**.

Please diary your own entries date earlier than this date NOW!

The website will be open for entries from the 20th of October.

Faxed or telephone entries **will not be accepted**

Entry fees will be collected according to instructions given on your invoice generated by the website.

Instructions for this process will be on the website.

Entries will not be posted on the website until receipt of payment from schools.

Late entries, together with a late fee of \$50 per athlete will be accepted until 28th November. After this date no further entries will be accepted. No late fee No entry. This policy is now in its fifth year of operation, and has the full support of the Executive. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE**. Late entry names will probably not appear in the programme.

ENTRY FEES (as set by the NZSSAA Executive)

The entry fees (GST inclusive) payable per athlete (excluding relays) for Track & Field and/or Road Race are:

\$10.00 one or two events (including the road race)

\$15.00 three or more events

\$10.00 for athletes competing only in the relays

SCRATCHINGS

Scratchings from Individual Events in excess of Three must be done on the website by **Wednesday 3**

December. Access will be locked at or soon after midnight. After that date, any scratchings received will be considered as scratchings from all events.

This procedure was introduced in 1997 and proved highly successful. It has the support of the Executive and will be strictly enforced.

ACCOMMODATION

A list of accommodation options is posted on the NZSSAA website (www.nzssaa.org.nz)

TRAVEL

Air travel to this event can be made to Air New Zealand Reservations on 0800 737 000 or to www.airnewzealand.co.nz

Group bookings (for 10 or more passengers) are to 0800 767 747 or fax 0800 737 379 or email groupreservations@airnz.co.nz

SCHOOL NUMBERS

The national secondary school 4 letter code will be used for identification (refer to the NZ Secondary Schools Sports Council Sports Directory 2003). All athletes will be provided with their individual number to be worn during competition. Walkers will be issued with two numbers, to be worn on the front and back of their singlet.

SPIKES & BLOCKS; FIELD EQUIPMENT

ONLY 6mm on track
9mm on high jump/ javelin

ONLY the starting blocks provided may be used. The use of starting blocks will be compulsory for all track events up to and including 400m.

Personal throwing implements may be used provided they have been checked by the Equipment Officer and the implement items then become available for use by all other competitors. Check in time for weighting of implements will be confirmed in a later newsletter.

Owing to difficulties in transporting pole vaults to Invercargill there will be a small number of poles available for use in the competition only.

CHAMPIONSHIP T-SHIRTS

Souvenir t-shirts will be available for purchase. An order form will be included in the next posting.

ROAD RACE

The course will begin at Donovan Park, Bainfield Road and loop around the adjacent area.

ENQUIRIES

All enquiries should be made via email to: rsdsouth@ihug.co.nz

We look forward to your participation.

Yours sincerely,

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