



**32nd New Zealand Secondary Schools Track & Field and Road Race
Championships 2004
Hamilton 4-5th December**

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Commonwealth Youth Games Bendigo 30th November-3rd December

Over 29 of New Zealand's best young athletes have been selected in the Athletics New Zealand Team to compete in this prestigious international event. This has created problems for them if they wish to enter and compete at the 32nd NZSSAA Track and Field Championships at Porritt Stadium Hamilton. The LOC has given much thought to this dilemma and reached the following conclusion.

- We want the best secondary school athletes competing at Hamilton
- Seven who compete in Bendigo on December 2 can return in time for their event on December 4
- Sixteen who compete on December 3 cannot arrive in Hamilton any earlier than 6pm on the 4th
- For distance athletes in this second group they will go straight to finals
- For sprint races some qualifying places will be kept for Bendigo athletes in the senior boys and girls 100 and 200 Round 2 which will take place on Sunday morning.
- Currently there is considerable negotiation going on with field event athletes and they will be asked to rank their events in order of preference and we are re programming just some but not all of their events to accommodate as many of these athletes into Sunday field event finals. Obviously some of these field events will have to be held on Saturday but we are hoping our best for as many as possible.
- Sprint relay heats for senior boys and girls will be held as late as possible on Saturday night to allow Bendigo athletes to be used.

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