



**32nd New Zealand Secondary Schools Track & Field
30th New Zealand Secondary Schools Road Race
Championships 2004
Hamilton**

August 2004

To: All New Zealand Secondary Schools

Newsletter Number One

Welcome to the 32nd Track & Field and Road Race Championships

Venue Porritt Stadium, Hamilton
Date 4-5th December 2004

Organisation of the 2004 Championships is well underway. The Local Organizing Committee comprises of representatives of the Waikato Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Association, Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty, Hamilton Secondary Schools, the Hamilton City Hawks Athletic Club and Sport Waikato Secondary Schools Sports Director. This year and as was the case in 2000 the event is part of the New Zealand College Games in which 24 sports are involved in celebration of Olympism. As such our competitors will be able to take part in and enjoy the celebrations and entertainment during the NZ College Games which run from Friday 3rd – Tuesday 7th December. The Opening Ceremony of the College Games will be taking place on Friday 3rd December from 6.30 – 8.30pm on the University of Waikato Sports Fields. This promises to be a fantastic night full of entertainment and festivity and we would encourage all of you to take part.

TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

11 th August	Newsletter One posted
13 th September	Newsletter Two available on website
25 th October	Online entries open
25 th November	Prompt Entries closing date
29 th November	Final date for Late Entries (accompanied by late fee of \$10 per athlete up to \$50 per school)
Ongoing	School entries posted on website (www.nzssaa.org.nz) as they are received.
24 th November	Newsletter Three, Programme and Information pack posted.
1 st December	Individual Scratchings closing date
3 rd December	Managers Meeting, NZSSAA AGM and Official Opening Ceremony of the College Games
4-5th December	Track & Field and Road Race Championships

AGE GROUPS

Junior	Under 16 years on 31 st December 2004
Senior	Under 19 ½ years 31 st December 2004
Note	Competition is only open to students currently enrolled in Years 9 plus and attending an affiliated school.

ROAD RACE

This year as with Invercargill last year and following the policy which our Association has introduced at cross country nationals there will be separate races for Year 9 athletes with medals for individual places and for teams both three and six person. The event will be held on Sunday morning 5th December. The course for the road races has been confirmed today and we are running the event on an off road course at Ruakura AgResearch Station where we don't have to prepare an expensive Traffic management Plan.

It is 2kms from Porritt Stadium.

8.00	3000	Year 9 Girls
8.20	3000	Year 9 Boys
8.40	4000	Junior Girls
9.05	4000	Junior Boys
9.30	4000	Senior Girls
9.55	6000	Senior Boys

AFFILIATION

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 or details of affiliation procedure, please contact

Geoff Simons, PO Box 6303, Dunedin, NZSSAA email secretary@nzssaa.org.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 4th December 4.00pm Managers Meeting Lecture Theatre 1 Waikato University
 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.
 6.30pm to 8.30pm NZ College Games Opening Ceremony Waikato University
 Day 1 Track and Field Championships Saturday 4th December 8.30am-8.30pm
 Day 2 Track & Field Championships Sunday 5th December 9.00am-5pm
 Porritt Athletics Stadium
 Sunday 5th December 8.00am Road Race Championships

ENTRIES

Entry details will be released with the second posting, due to be distributed on 13th September. All entries must be entered on the NZSSAA website (www.nzssaa.org.nz) on or before 25th November

Please diary your own school entries date much earlier than this date NOW so that you don't have to pay a late entry fee.

The website will be open for entries from the 25th of October.

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

Entry fees will also be collected on 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 an additional late fee of \$10 per athlete up to \$50 per school 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 entries names will probably not appear in the programme.

ENTRY FEES (as set by the NZSSAA Executive)

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

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

\$15.00 three or more events

\$10.00 for athletes competing only in the relay

SCRATCHINGS

Scratchings for single events must be done on the website by **Wednesday 3 December**. After that date, any scratchings received will be considered as scratchings from *all* events.

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

ACCOMMODATION

Currently motel bookings are being centralised and handled through John Cochrane of the Ambassador Motor Inn 62 Ulster St ph 07 839 5111 or for reservations 0800 800 533. Accommodation is also available in the University Halls of Residence, Ainsley Sanderson (07) 8384910. For general NZ College Games accommodation bookings or enquiries please contact Amy Corstorphine (07) 8384312 or email amyc@waikato.ac.nz

TRAVEL

To obtain the cheapest air fares early planning and booking is required.

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

In April Athletics New Zealand entered into a partnership with Nelson based Origin Pacific Airways for group bookings of eight or more. Ring Gilbert Blakeborough at Origin Pacific's Group Booking Office on 0800 302 302 quote Athletics New Zealand's PIN number 5316 and discuss your school's travel needs.

SCHOOL NUMBERS

The national secondary school 4 letter code will be used for identification (refer to the NZ Secondary Schools Sports Council Sports Directory 2004). 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

Spikes 6mm for track
 9mm for high jump and 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 weighing of implements will be confirmed in a later newsletter.

CHAMPIONSHIP T-SHIRTS

Souvenir t-shirts provided by Union will be available for purchase. A picture of the t-shirt design will be included in the next posting. Orders will be handled through the website with a small number available for purchase on the championship weekend.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

This will be similar to last year without any Friday events at this stage.

COLLEGE GAMES

Visit their website www.nzcollegegames.co.nz for additional information about aspects of this wonderful weekend of sport.

ENQUIRIES

All enquiries re athletics should be made via email only to: mudlarkdon@ihug.co.nz

We look forward to your participation.

Yours in athletics

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