



New Balance 33rd New Zealand Secondary Schools Track & Field and 31st New Zealand Secondary Schools Road Race Championships 2005 Auckland

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To: All New Zealand Secondary Schools

Newsletter Number One

Welcome to the New Balance 33rd Track & Field and Road Race Championships

Venue Ericsson Stadium
Date 10-11th December 2005

Organisation of the New Balance 2005 Championships is underway. The Local Organizing Committee comprises representatives of College Sport Auckland, Auckland Secondary Schools Athletics, and Athletics Auckland. Ericsson Stadium is an all-weather eight-lane track located in Central Auckland and is home base to the Warriors league team and was where the 1990 Commonwealth Games were held.

Timetable Of Events

12 th August	Newsletter One posted
9 th September	Newsletter Two available on website
25 th October	Online entries open
25 th November	Prompt Entries closing date
2 nd December	Final date for Late Entries (accompanied by late fee of \$10 per athlete up to \$100 per school)
Ongoing	School entries posted on nzssaa.org.nz as they are received
25 th November	Newsletter Three, Programme and Information pack posted
7 th December	Individual Scratchings closing date
9 th December	Managers Meeting, NZSSAA AGM
10-11 th December	Track & Field and Road Race Championships

Age Groups

Junior	Under 16 years on 31 st December 2005
Senior	Under 19 ½ years 31 st December 2005

Competition is only open to students currently enrolled in Years 9 plus and attending an affiliated school.

Road Race

This year as with Waikato 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 race is in the process of being approved by the council. We are planning to run the event on Dunkirk and Riverside Rd's in Panmure. (Approximately 15 minutes from the stadium).

The first race will commence at the 7.30am. The order of events will be confirmed in the next newsletter when the venue is confirmed.

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:

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This newsletter has been distributed to all NZ Secondary Schools and its receipt does not confirm affiliation.

Agenda For The Weekend

Friday 9 th December	6.00pm	Managers Meeting Ericsson Stadium 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 10 th December	8.30am-8.30pm	Day 1 Track and Field Championships Ericsson Stadium
Sunday 11 th December	9.00am-5pm	Day 2 Track & Field Championships Ericsson Stadium
Sunday 11 th December	7.30am	Road Race Championships

Entries

Entry details will be released with the second posting, due to be distributed on 9th September. All entries must be entered on the NZSSAA website nzssaa.org.nz on or before 25th November.

Please diary your own school entry 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 \$100 per school will be accepted until 2 December. 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

The entry fees (as set by the NZSSAA Executive) (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 relay

Scratchings

Scratchings for single events must be done on the website by **Wednesday 7th December**. 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.

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 2005). 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 weighting of implements will be confirmed in a later newsletter.

Championship T-Shirts

Souvenir t-shirts 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.

Programme Of Events

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

Enquiries

All enquiries re entries should be made through the website nzssaa.org.nz

Any other enquires should be made via email to College Sport: collette@collegesport.co.nz or jacqui@collegesport.co.nz

We look forward to your participation.

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