



# **New Balance 34<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Secondary Schools' Track & Field Championships**

## **32<sup>nd</sup> New Zealand Secondary Schools' Road Race Championships**

### **Christchurch, 2006**

**July 2006**

**To: All New Zealand Secondary Schools**

## **Newsletter One**

Welcome to the New Balance 34<sup>th</sup> Track & Field and 32<sup>nd</sup> Road Race Championships.

**Venue** QEII Stadium  
**Date** 9-10 December 2006

Organisation of the New Balance 2006 Championships is underway. The Local Organising Committee includes Teachers from a number of Christchurch schools, Representatives from Athletics Canterbury and SchoolSport Canterbury.

### **Timetable of Events**

27 July	Newsletter One available on <a href="http://www.nzssaa.org.nz">www.nzssaa.org.nz</a>
18 September	Newsletter Two available on website
25 October	Online entries open
27 November	Newsletter Three, Timed Programme published
Ongoing	School entries posted on website ( <a href="http://www.nzssaa.org.nz">www.nzssaa.org.nz</a> ) as they are received
4 December	Final date for Entries
6 December	Individual Scratchings closing date
8 December	Managers' Meeting, NZSSAA AGM
9-10 December	Track & Field and Road Race Championships

### **Age Groups**

Junior Under 16 years on 31 December 2006  
Senior Under 19½ years on 31 December 2006

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

Year 9 For the Road Race only, there is a Year 9 age grade. Competitors must be a Year 9 student and under 15 years on 31 December 2006.

## Road Race

The event will be held on Sunday morning 10 December. The course for the Road Race is in the Bottle Lake Forest Park approximately 3km from the stadium. The course on Landfill Ave is that which will be used for the Athletics New Zealand Road Championships in October. Visit [www.ccc.govt.nz/Parks/NaturalAreas/bottlelake\\_map.asp](http://www.ccc.govt.nz/Parks/NaturalAreas/bottlelake_map.asp) to see a map of the location.

The first race will commence at the 8:00am (to be confirmed).

## Affiliation

This year the Association has been collecting school affiliation fees with entries. Schools who did not have competitors at the Cross Country Championships in Tauranga will have the \$36.00 affiliation fee added to their entries' invoice.

## Agenda for the Weekend

Friday 8 December	6:00pm Managers' Meeting, Christchurch College of Education, Dovedale Avenue. 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 9 December	Day 1, Track & Field Championships, 8:30am-8:30pm, QEII Stadium
Sunday 10 December	Day 2, Track & Field Championships, 9:00am-5.00pm, QEII Stadium
Sunday 10 December	Road Race Championships, 8:00am

## Entries

Entry details will be released with the second Newsletter, due to be published 18 September. All entries must be entered on the NZSSAA website [www.nzssaa.org.nz](http://www.nzssaa.org.nz) on or before 4 December. Please diary your own school entry date much earlier than this date, as that date would be far too late to be making travel or accommodation arrangements.

The website will be open for entries from 25 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 close Monday 4 December, after this date no further entries will be accepted. As there is no late entry period there will be no late entry fees.

## Entry Fees

A proposal to increase the entry fees is currently before the NZSSAA Executive. If an increase is ratified it will be notified at the time of Newsletter Two.

The **current** entry fees (G.S.T. 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 for single events must be done on the website by **Wednesday 6 December**. After that date, only scratchings from **all** events will be accepted at the Managers' Meeting on the forms provided.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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 5316 and discuss your school's travel needs.

## Competition Numbers

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 will be available for purchase. Orders will be handled through the website.

## Programme of Events

This will be similar to last year. It is unlikely there will be any Friday events at this stage.

## Enquiries

All enquiries re entries should be made through the website [www.nzssaa.org.nz](http://www.nzssaa.org.nz)

We look forward to your participation.