



**New Balance 35th New Zealand Secondary Schools Track & Field and 33rd New Zealand Secondary Schools Road Race Championships 2007
Wanganui**

6th August 2007

To: All New Zealand Secondary Schools

Newsletter Number One

Welcome to the New Balance 35th Track & Field and Road Race Championships

Venue Cooks Gardens, Wanganui
Date 8-9th December 2007

Organisation of the New Balance 2007 Championships is underway. The Local Organizing Committee includes Teachers from a number of Wanganui schools, Representatives from Athletics Wanganui and Sport Wanganui.

TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

8 th August	Newsletter One available on www.nzssaa.org.nz
19 th September	Newsletter Two available on website
25 th October	Online entries open
26 th November	Newsletter Three, Timed Programme published.
Ongoing	School entries posted on website (www.nzssaa.org.nz) as they are received
29 th November	Final date for Entries
5 th December	Individual Scratchings closing date
7 th December	Managers Meeting, NZSSAA AGM at Wanganui Collegiate School
8-9 th December	Track & Field Championships
8 th December	Road Race Championships

AGE GROUPS

Junior	Under 16 years on 31 st December 2007
Senior	Under 19 ½ years 31 st December 2007
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 U15 years on 31 December 2007.

ROAD RACE

The event will be held on Sunday morning 9th December.
The course is likely to be at Kowhai Park and confirmation will be made in the next Newsletter, along with a course map.

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 Christchurch will have the \$36.00 affiliation fee added to their entries invoice.

AGENDA FOR THE WEEKEND

Friday 7th December 6:30pm Managers Meeting Wanganui Collegiate School.
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.

Day 1 Track and Field Championships Saturday 8th December 8:30am-8:30pm

Day 2 Track & Field Championships Sunday 9th December 9:00am-5pm
Cooks Gardens

Sunday 9th December 8:00am Road Race Championships

ENTRIES

Entry details will be released with the second News Letter, due to be published on 19th September. All entries must be entered on the NZSSAA website www.nzssaa.org.nz on or before 31st November.

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 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 close on Friday, 31st November 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

The entry fees (GST inclusive) are payable per athlete (excluding relays) for Track & Field and/or Road Race and will be released with the next Newsletter:

SCRATCHINGS

Scratchings for single events must be done on the website by **Wednesday 5th December**. After that date, only scratchings from all events will be accepted at the Managers Meeting on the forms provided.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is available at Wanganui Collegiate School (see separate advertisement). Details available from Mr Geoff Hopper (ghopper@collegiate.school.nz) The School will be run as a Games Village with regular transport to the track and meals available to suit the events at Cooks Gardens.

There is plenty of motel and other accommodation in Wanganui and schools are asked to book independently.

It is worth noting that there is accommodation outside of Wanganui within 45 minutes drive of the track.

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

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 weighting of implements will be confirmed in a later newsletter.

CHAMPIONSHIP T-SHIRTS

Souvenir t-shirts will be available for purchase. Details with the next Newsletter.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

This will be similar to last year.

ENQUIRIES

All enquiries re entries should be made through the website <http://www.nzssaa.org.nz/>

We look forward to your participation.