



New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Association

37th New Zealand Secondary Schools Track & Field and 35th Road Race Championships
2009 Timaru

12 October 2009

To All New Zealand Secondary Schools

NEWSLETTER TWO

Organisation of the 2009 Championships in Timaru is progressing well, and the event is fast approaching. The All Weather Track Trust have been busy getting tarsealing along the grass verge along the front of the new Grandstand and to the entrance of the track, and the new Pole Vault area is coming close to completion, and concrete areas will be put in around the long jump and triple jump pits, so it is all go at the Alpine Energy All Weather Track, Aorangi Park, Timaru.

Timetable of Events:

12 October	Newsletter Two available on NZSSAA website
27 October	Online entries open
Ongoing	School entries posted on NZSSAA website as received
2 November	Road Race course map available on website
12 November	Final date for AGM remits
18 November	Final date for Tee Shirt orders
27 November	Final date for entries
9 December	Individual scratchings close
11 December	Managers Packs available from 3.30 pm and NZSSAA AGM 6.00pm
12/13 December	Track/Field Championships, Alpine Energy All Weather Track, Timaru
13 December	Road Race Championships, Caroline Bay, Timaru

Age Groups

Junior	Under 16 years on 31 December 2009
Senior	Under 19 ½ years on 31 December 2009
Note	Competition is open only to students currently enrolled in Years 9 and above and attending an NZSSAA affiliated school.
Year 9	For the Road Race only, there is a Year 9 grade. Competitors must be Year 9 Students, over 13 years and under 15 years of age on 31 December 2009.

Programme of Events

The draft programme is available on the NZSSAA website.

Road Race

This event will be held on Sunday morning, 13 December at Caroline Bay, Timaru. The first race will commence at 8am. Race times and distances are on the guideline programme. A course map will be available on the website 2 November.

Affiliation

The Association collects school affiliation fees with entries. Schools that did not have competitors at the Cross Country Championships in Nelson will have the \$36-00 affiliation fee added to their entries invoice.

Entries

All entries must be made online on the NZSSAA website on or before 27 November. The website will be open for entries from 27 October and will close on 27 November at midnight. **Do not be late with your entries.** After 27 November any further entries are added only with the approval of the LOC and done by the online entries administrator. Late entries are to be emailed to tylden@xtra.co.nz. There will be a charge of \$10 per late entry. Late entries will only be accepted **if there has been a genuine error** and if they do not create an extra heat or round or if field event numbers are low enough to allow the event to be completed in the allocated time. No late entries will be accepted after 12.00 noon on Friday 11 December.

Entries for all NZSSAA events are taken online. To get started and launch the online entries site please follow the instructions below.

1. Visit <http://robo.co.nz/o/nzsstf2009/>
2. A login prompt will be presented to your browser.
3. Enter your assigned username and password to proceed into the system.

Please remember to fill in your team information first so that you are not prompted to fill it in when you proceed to making your entries.

Don't have a username and password?

Your Principal may have it. By passing it over to the person responsible for completing the entries the Principal is confirming the authenticity of the entries. If the username and password details cannot be located, contact oe@nzssaa.org.nz requesting them. This process is faster if you send the request via your Principal's school e-mail address.

Scratchings

Scratchings for single events must be done on the NZSSAA website by Wednesday 9 December. This is a change from last year when we asked for them to be emailed. After that date any scratchings received will be considered as scratchings from all events.

Technical information and standards

This information will be available in a separate document on the website.

Accommodation

Accommodation has been a little tight in Timaru, but there is still hotel accommodation available, and some youth camps in close vicinity to Timaru, but bedding will have to be brought down by the individual.

If there is accommodation you no longer need please contact Diane Smith (03) 6899859 who may be able to help fill this with another school.

Championship T-shirts

Souvenir T-shirts are available for purchase, at \$30-00 a T-shirt. A pre-order form is available on the NZSSAA website. Pre orders are preferred, and will need to be paid for when ordered, the deadline being Wednesday 18th November 2009. The orders can be collected and signed for when picking up the Managers' Packs. Individual T-shirts can be ordered at the Championships but there may be some wait for these. An image of the T-shirts will be available on the website. There are two styles of Tee, one female and one unisex.

Female T-Shirts are 100% Breathable Polyester- Mesh Knit with short sleeve, V neck. Self splice panel detail front and back shoulder, with shaped side panels.
Unisex T-Shirts are 100% Breathable Polyester- Mesh Knit with short sleeve, round neck. Self splice panel detail front and back shoulder, with side panels.

Collection of School Packs / T-Shirt packs / AGM

There will be no formal Manager's meeting but School Packs (competition numbers, programmes, passes etc) and T-Shirt packs, will be available at the Aorangi Park Netball Lounge, (entrance at the back of the Netball courts off car parking area near track) from Friday 3.30pm to 5.45pm and Saturday 8am to 10am. Only the designated team manager will be able to uplift the packs. There will be an opportunity on the Friday to speak to the Technical Information people and to deal with concerns managers may have. The NZSSAAA AGM will begin at 6.00pm in the Aorangi Pavilion (next to the track entrance) and we urge you to attend. Any remits/changes to the rules of competition should be emailed to tylden@xtra.co.nz by Nov 12.

Official Application Forms

These are available on the NZSSAA website.

Medal Engraving

There will be an engraver on site to engrave the athletes' medals at their own expense.

Gate entry fees

Adults: \$5-00; School Age Children: \$2-00; Pre-schoolers: free.

No electronic credit facilities will be provided by the Local Organising Committee on site.

We look forward to welcoming you to Timaru in December.

Kevin O'Sullivan
LOC convenor