



The 42<sup>nd</sup> New Zealand Secondary Schools Track & Field and 40<sup>th</sup> Road Race Championships  
Wanganui 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December at Cooks Gardens and Kowhai Park.

28<sup>th</sup> November 2014

To: NZ Secondary Schools participating at the Track & Field and Road Race Championships next weekend

### Newsletter 3

Welcome to the 42<sup>nd</sup> NZ Secondary Schools Track & Field and 40<sup>th</sup> Road Race Championships. At the close of entries there were 1422 entries from 211 schools.

The size of the entries especially in some events, have led to some logistic problems. We have to conduct 12 long throw events over two days and we have 9 horizontal jump events into the one pit, all of which have been programmed to take advantage of a tail wind. This has led to two major changes from our usual procedures.

- 1: There will be a qualifying competition for Long Jump Junior Girls in which 39 athletes have entered. The qualifying competition will be held on Saturday at 2-15 pm with two pools competing at the same time on adjacent runways.

As at international meetings, an athlete who reaches the qualifying mark (to be confirmed at the Technical Meeting) will automatically qualify for the final and leading non-qualifiers to a maximum of 12 jumpers will compete at Sunday's final at 2-30 pm. That final will be run as a competition for 12 athletes, with all athletes receiving 3 trials and the leading 8 at the end of the third round having three more. Performances in the qualifying competition only have relevance in terms of the athlete qualifying and do not carry over until Sunday.

- 2: In long throws there will be a sector mark 5m below the qualifying standard. Athletes who do not reach that distance will have a marker placed and their throw will be measured at the end of the third round. This ensures that all athletes will receive a mark but considerable time will be saved in the competition. It should be noted that the Junior Boys Discus has 40 entries.

The Junior Boys Discus will now start at 8.15am on Sunday morning. The circle will be open from 7.00am to allow for warm-up and practice throws. For this event athletes will not be required to go to the call room. The event will start at 8.15am promptly.

The Senior Girls Hammer on Saturday will start at 8.30am. The circle will open at 7.30am and athletes will not be required to go to the call room. The event will start promptly at 8.30am.

Packs not collected on Friday will be available from the TIC at the Stadium over the weekend. It should be noted that it is desirable that they are picked up on Friday as the enclosed numbers are the entry passes to the Stadium.

**Manager's packs** will be available from the Prince Edward Auditorium at Wanganui Collegiate School (the venue for the Manager's/Technical Meeting and AGM) from 2.00pm on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December. There is considerable reconstruction going on at Wanganui Collegiate School and entrance to the Auditorium should be via the Grey Street gate, with vehicles parked outside the grounds.

Games Village schools packs will be collected at the Izard Centre, which is the reception for the Village. They will receive ID for the Village and also the Manager's pack (they do not need to go to the Prince Edward Auditorium).

Teams with less than 10 athletes will receive two Manager's passes – an additional pass will be given for every team above ten athletes.

#### **Implement Weigh-In**

Implements can be handed in at Cooks Gardens to the gear shed from 2.00pm-4.00pm on Friday, or at the Manager's/Technical Meeting in the evening for Saturday events. Weigh-in for events on Sunday close at the gear shed at Noon on Saturday.

#### **Timetable of Events**

Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Individual scratchings close at mid-night
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> December	12.00Noon – Games Village opens
	2.00pm – Manager's Packs available from Prince Edward Auditorium
	2.00pm – Cooks Gardens Track is open for teams
	6.30pm – Manager's Technical Meeting at Prince Edward Auditorium (note comments on entrance to the school and parking)
Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December/ Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	The 42 <sup>nd</sup> NZ Secondary Schools Track & Field Championships at Cooks Gardens
Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> December	The 40 <sup>th</sup> NZ Secondary Schools Road Race Championships at Kowhai Park

For the programme of events refer NZSSAA website

#### **Call Room**

The call room (marshalling) is situated at Sport Wanganui. The Track events will be marshalled under canvas and the Field events will be in the Resource Room of the Rugby Union rooms.

All events report 30 minutes prior to the event. Long Throws – 40 minutes before and Pole Vault – 45 minutes before. It is hoped that as soon as a Field event area is clear, athletes will be led out to the event.

#### **Managers' and Technical Meeting and AGM 6-30 pm Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

Questions for the AGM should be made in writing and emailed to [amcnab@collegiate.school.nz](mailto:amcnab@collegiate.school.nz) by Thursday, noon. This allows questions to be grouped which can save considerable time at the meeting.

AGM details on the website

#### **Parking**

There is limited parking at Cooks Gardens. Teams that have pre-booked mini-bus parking will receive a pass in your packs. The first 26 received will be at Inspire Fitness, which is adjacent to Cooks Gardens, by Sport Wanganui on the Maria Place extension, with another entrance off Wilson Street. The other teams that applied for a parking pass will park next to the Opera House on St Hill Street.

**Warm-up Areas**

- City College, which is one block away down Cook Street.
- The velodrome.
- The hurdle warm up will be on the pole vault run up, with the exception of the 300m Hurdle Open Girls' semi-final who may use the back straight for warm-up.

**Admission Costs**

Adults                      \$10.00 per day or \$15.00 for weekend pass

Secondary School Children    \$2.00

Primary School Children              Free of charge

Athletes                      Entry by race number or Games Village ID tag

Managers                      With the passes provided

New Health and Safety Regulations have led to a significant increase in costs, especially security, which has necessitated an increase in the cost of admission. Athletes must have their number to enter, if not run the risk of having to pay \$2.00.

We look forward to seeing you all next weekend.

Alec McNab

Chairman, Local Organising Committee of the NZSSAA Track & Field and Road Race Championships