



**The 42<sup>nd</sup> New Zealand Secondary Schools Track & Field and 39<sup>th</sup> Road Race Championships  
Wanganui 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December at Cooks Gardens and Kowhai Park.**

17<sup>th</sup> October 2014

To All New Zealand Secondary Schools

**Newsletter Two**

Organisation of the 2014 Championships at Cooks Gardens on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December is well underway. The local organising committee is made up of representatives of Athletics Wanganui, Sport Wanganui and Wanganui Collegiate School.

**Timetable of Events**

Please note the amended Draft programme on the website which is similar to last year's with some minor changes to field events to suit the configuration of the venue. **The Horizontal programme is still provisional** and at present caters for a qualifying competition if entries are larger than 40 and could be changed to accommodate predicted high entries. **Entry numbers could lead to some changes on the draft programme and these will be published after close of entries.**

***It would help if schools would follow the guidelines on entries in such field events.***

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| Ongoing                   | School entries posted on NZSSAA website as received  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> November | T Shirt design on order form will be posted on the web site.   |
| 21st November             | Final date for entries   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> November | Newsletter 3   |
| 3 December                | Individual scratchings close   |
| 5 December                | Games Village at Wanganui Collegiate School opens at noon with check-in at the IZARD Centre. Manager's packs available at Prince Edward Auditorium, Wanganui Collegiate School from noon. The Manager's and Technical Meeting is at 6.30pm at the Prince Edward Auditorium, followed by the AGM at 7.15pm. |
| 6/7 December              | Track and Field Championships at Cooks Gardens   |
| 7 December                | Road Race Championships, Kowhai Park starting at 8.00am  |

**Age Groups**

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| Junior        | Under 16 years on 31 December 2014   |
| Senior        | Under 20 years on 31 December 2014   |
| Note          | Competition is open only to students currently enrolled in Years 9 and above and attending an NZSSAA affiliated school(except for overseas athletes accepted by NZSSAA)  |
| Year 9        | For the Road Race only, there is a Year 9 grade. Competitors must be a Year 9 student, over 13 years and under 15 years on 31 December 2014  |
| Para-Athletes | As for Junior and Senior above except the Senior age for ORS funded students is under 22 on 31 December 2014. Contact <a href="mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz">oe@nzssaa.org.nz</a> to enter over 20 years of age athletes. |

**Programme of Events**

The guideline programme is available on the NZSSAA website – note previous comments.

### Road Race

This event will be held on Sunday morning, 8 December at Kowhai Park. The first race will commence at 8 am. A course map will be published on the website in the next fortnight.

### Disabled Athlete Grades, Categories and Classification

There have been changes developed for Para- Athletics (previously AWD) events from 2013. There will be two age grades (junior and senior) and two divisions, Intellectually Impaired Athletes and Physically and/or Visually Impaired Athletes. Physically and/or Visually Impaired athletes consist of 5 classification groups: Visually impaired, Short Stature, Cerebral Palsy, Amputees /Others and Wheelchair user and will compete together with results will being calculated against a percentage of the world record for their Paralympic classifications. We will have detailed information on these changes in the Technical Information and Standards on the website along with provisional classification forms that can be downloaded, filled out and sent to Paralympics NZ. If you have comments on these changes please email [oe@nzssaa.org.nz](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz).

### Entries

All entries must be made online on the NZSSAA website on or before **21 November**. The website will be open for entries from 14 October and will close on **21 November** at midnight.

### Affiliation

The Association collects school affiliation fees with entries. Schools that did not have competitors at the Cross Country Championships in Palmerston North will have the \$36.00 affiliation fee added to their entries invoice.

### Entry Fees

The entry fees payable per athlete for track and field and/or road race are as follows -

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| \$15.00 | One or two events (including the road race) |
| \$20.00 | 3 or more events                            |
| \$10.00 | Relay competitors only                      |

**Do not be late with your entries.** After 21 November further entries will only be added with the approval of the Local Organising Committee and will be administered by the online entries administrator. Late entries will only be accepted **if there has been a genuine error or accepted reason** 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. There will be a charge of \$10 per late entry and they need to be emailed to [oe@nzssaa.org.nz](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz). NO LATE ENTRIES will be accepted after 12 noon on Thursday 4 December.

**Entries for all NZSSAA events are to be submitted online. To get started go to [www.nzssaa.org.nz](http://www.nzssaa.org.nz) and launch the online entries site by following the instructions below.**

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| 1 | Visit <a href="http://entries.co.nz/o/nzsstfrr2014/">http://entries.co.nz/o/nzsstfrr2014/</a> under Entry Procedures. This can be found on the home page or by selecting Competitions and then the current championships. |
| 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 school information first so that you are not prompted to fill it in when you proceed to making your entries.*

Your entries are complete when you have chosen a payment option, produced an invoice and paid. There are two options for payment. The first is by **school or personal credit card**. The second is by direct crediting the **NZSSAA Entries** bank account **12-3150-0174691-00**. Please note that you can add additional entries yourself up until entries close even though you may have already generated an invoice or paid. Enter your additional athletes and pay for them accordingly.

**Payment by cheque is no longer an option except for a late payment when the cheque is handed directly into the TIC at the championships in order to uplift your competition numbers.**

Please note: Athletes will not appear in the confirmed entries list on the website and will not be able to compete until entry fees have been confirmed as having been paid.

Entry enquiries are to be by email only to [oe@nzssaa.org.nz](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz) please

#### **Missing your school's 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](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz) to request them.

#### **Scratchings**

Scratchings for single events must be done on the NZSSAA website by Wednesday 3 December. After that date any scratchings received will be considered as scratchings from all events.

**NB:** The Road Race and the Track and Field Championships are separate championships and scratching from one after Wednesday does not stop an athlete taking part in the other. Scratchings are not required for the road race unless the team manager plans to substitute a replacement runner and this can be done right up to the time of the race using the scratchings/replacements form provided to managers.

#### **Accommodation**

Accommodation is extremely tight. We have updated information and included details of alternative accommodation on the NZSSAA website.

Accommodation is filling fast; it is worth noting that Palmerston North is only an hour's drive away and Marton about 30 minutes from Town.. Further information can be supplied by the Wanganui I site. [wanganui@i-SITE.org](mailto:wanganui@i-SITE.org)

#### **Championship T-shirts**

Souvenir T-shirts will be available for purchase and the details will be included next week. The attractive retro-design includes the iconic Peter Snell statue at Cooks Gardens which commemorates Peter Snell's record mile at Cooks Gardens. Please continue to check the NZSSA website. Cost \$30

#### **Support and Sponsorship**

The organisers wish to acknowledge the support of the Wanganui District Council and Mars Petcare. We are working on other sponsorship opportunities which we will include in the next newsletter. Naming rights and other sponsorship opportunities exist for these championships. If there is interest in this opportunity please contact John Tylden at [oe@nzssaa.org.nz](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz) or Alec McNab at [amcnab@collegiate.school.nz](mailto:amcnab@collegiate.school.nz)

#### **Enquiries**

All enquiries should be emailed to [oe@nzssaa.org.nz](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz) or, to [amcnab@collegiate.school.nz](mailto:amcnab@collegiate.school.nz)

We look forward to welcoming you to Wanganui in December and hope that record numbers of athletes will participate in our national championships in centrally located Wanganui.

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