



New Zealand Secondary Schools Track, Field and Road Race Championships **Timaru - 4, 5, 6 December 2015**

Newsletter 1

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Welcome to our first newsletter. Our Local Organising Committee is happy to announce that we have been granted two and a half days to hold the competition this year. We plan to hold the Pole Vault and Hammer Throw on the Friday afternoon, competition beginning between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm depending on the fields.

The Pole Vault will be held at the East end of the facility, at the Long Jump area, this gives us better flexibility with run up and take off from either North or South, depending on wind conditions.

Hammer Throw on the Friday is for safety reasons, so that Hammer competition does not interfere with the Track or other Field Events.

For those competing in these events travel and accommodation will have to be organised to allow travelling athletes to be at the facility Friday morning.

The Local Organising Committee have decided that with competition starting on Friday afternoon the whole facility will be open to athletes Thursday afternoon 2pm to 5pm, and Friday morning 9am to 12.00 noon, after 12 noon Friday only those athletes competing in Pole Vault or Hammer will be allowed access inside the track perimeter fence.

Road Race

The Road Race will be held on a course around the top end of Pages to the North of the Track, beginning and ending close to the corner of Pages Road and Mountainview Road, within a short easy walking distance from the track. This will mean athletes and spectators will be able to park at Aorangi Park, and walk to short distance to the course.

Accommodation

A list of accommodation in Timaru is available on the NZSSAA website. We have a number of surrounding towns close to Timaru which also have accommodation.

Temuka, Pleasant Point, Winchester, Geraldine, all within 15 mins to half hour drive north of Timaru, Hinds, 40-45mins, Ashburton is just under an hours drive away.

To the South we have Waimate 35 min away and Oamaru an hours drive away.

Tent Sites

Tent Sites will be available to schools, we will call for these later in the year, please advise us the size of your tent so that we can allocate plenty of room.

Although the event is still a number of months away, time will pass quickly, the year will be gone and December will be here. In the meantime the Local Organising Committee is working to hard to ensure the event will be an enjoyable one for all.

Regards

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Chair LOC