

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

Newsletter 3

Welcome to our third newsletter. December is fast approaching and before we know it the weekend will be here. This newsletter has a lot of updated information as well as some new so please read carefully.

The Timeline has been updated, online entries are now open and close in a months time.

Timeline

12 October	Online entries opened
Ongoing	School entries posted on NZSSAA website as received and paid for
20 November	Final date for entries Deadline for Provisional Classification Applications for Para-Athletes Tee Shirt order forms need to be with Local Organising Committee
1 December	Individual scratchings close
3/4 December	Manager's packs available at Aorangi Pavilion.
4 December	Managers meeting/NZSSAA AGM (venue - upstairs lounge Southern Trust Events Centre, Aorangi Park - time 6pm)
4/5/6 December	Track and Field Championships at Aorangi Stadium
6 December	Road Race Championships, Caroline Bay, 8am

Entries

All entries must be made online on the NZSSAA website on or before **20 November**. The website opened for entries on **12 October** and will close on **20 November** at midnight. ***Para-Athlete entries – see page 2.***

Affiliation

The Association collects school affiliation fees with entries. Schools that did not have competitors at the Cross Country Championships in Dunedin 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 -

\$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 20 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. **No late entries will be accepted after 12 noon on Wednesday 2 December.**

Entries for all NZSSAA events are to be submitted online. To get started go to www.nzssaa.org.nz and launch the online entries site by following the instructions below.

1	Visit http://entries.co.nz/o/nzsstfr2015/ 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 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 to request them.

Scratchings

Scratchings for single events must be done on the NZSSAA website by midnight **Tuesday 1 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 Tuesday 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.

Para-Athletes – reminder re Compulsory Classification

Athletes with Physical and Visual Impairments competing at the 2015 NZ Secondary Schools Athletics Championships in Timaru 4-6 December are required to have a National Classification. Athletes with an Intellectual Impairment are required to have a Provisional Classification. Classification ensures that athletes meet impairment eligibility and have an activity limitation.

Athletes who do not have a Provisional or National Classification will need to have completed one of the Provisional Classification forms (Physical, Visual or Intellectual Impairment, whichever is the most appropriate one) available on the NZSSAA or Paralympics New Zealand (PNZ) website. **THIS FORM NEEDS TO BE FORWARDED TO classification@paralympics.org.nz AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2015.**

Para Athletes with a Physical Impairment only, who have a Provisional but not a National Classification, are requested to be available in Timaru from the morning of **Friday 4th December** when you will be scheduled to attend a Classification Session. For information please refer to the PNZ Guide for Classification of Physical Impairment available on the NZSSAA www.nzssaa.org.nz and PNZ www.paralympics.org.nz websites.

Programme of Events

The guideline programme for the weekend is available on the Website. The Pole Vault and Hammer Throw begin on Friday afternoon at 1pm.

Throwing Implements

Personal implements may be used by competitors for throwing events provided they are checked and approved by the Technical Equipment Manager prior to competition. Personal implements then become part of the pool available to all competitors in that competition.

It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to have these implements to the Technical Equipment Manager at the times below:

- Implements required for Friday afternoon field events - to the equipment shed at the north end of the stadium by 11.00am Friday.
- Implements required for all Saturday field events – to the equipment shed at the north end of the stadium by 5.00pm Friday.
- Implements required for all Sunday field events - to the equipment shed at the north end of the stadium by 5.00pm Saturday.

Starting blocks will be provided for track athletes in the sprint races. If an athlete wishes to use their own blocks once again these must be checked prior to competition, at times as above.

Spikes - in track events, long jump and triple jump, spikes must be no longer than 6mm. High jump and javelin areas spikes may be up to 9mm long.

We once again advise 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 11.00am, after 11am Friday only those athletes competing in Pole Vault or Hammer will be allowed access inside the track perimeter fence. Please be aware that during these times there will be people setting up tents and gear and care must be taken at all times. No implements are to be thrown on the inner field during these times, practice with implements will be immediately before competition. Warm up area will be the cricket grounds next to the track facility - a team manager must be supervising their athlete at all times while warming up. There will be no sound system on the warm up area. It is up to the Team Manager to ensure their athlete signs in at the call tents at the appropriate time for competition.

School Packs will be able to be collected from the Aorangi Pavilion next to the 100m start on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, or at the Managers meeting.

Road Race

The Road Race will be held around Caroline Bay, this was a very popular course the last time we held the Championships in 2009. The first race will commence at 8am on Sunday 6th. Maps of the course are now available on the Website.

Parking: Please note:

Buses - can only park in the car park at the bottom of the Port Loop Road.

Cars - there is a large number of cars parks at the Caroline Bay car park, off Te Weka Street, then Virtue Avenue, and a smaller number of car parks off the Port Loop Road. There is to be no parking on the Port Loop Road or Marine Parade.

Accommodation

Accommodation is largely taken in Timaru but we have a number of surrounding towns close to Timaru which have accommodation available. 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. Fairlie 35 minutes west.

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

School Tent Sites

We still have some Tent Sites available to schools, these sites are located on the bank overlooking the back straight of the Track, please advise m.h.mackle@xtra.co.nz if you require a tent site and space will be allocated. This ensures school tents will not impede service vehicles. If possible we request that the tents be erected Thursday or Friday morning, before competition on Friday afternoon. No tents are permitted on the front straight embankment.

Photographer

Nesport Photography will be the official photographers at the Championship. Flyers will be in the School Packs providing information.

Photographs will be available on their website www.nesport.co.nz after the Championships.

Championships Tee Shirts

Souvenir Tee Shirts will be available for purchase at \$25.00 per Tee Shirt. The Unisex Tees are a white 'Quick Dry' Material. An order form will be on the website later in the week. Schools must order the Tees as one order, payment can either be made by cheque with the order form, or by direct credit to the LOC bank account, details on the order form. All orders must be to the LOC by 20 November, and the order will be placed with the school packs. A small amount of Tees can be ordered at the event, these must be ordered by the School Team Manager only, orders into the TIC room by 3pm on the Saturday for collection lunchtime Sunday. There will be no orders accepted after 3pm Saturday 5th December.

Map of All Weather Track Facility Timaru

A map of the Track Facility at Aorangi Park in Timaru, will be available on the website in the next couple of weeks. Aorangi Park can be accessed from either Morgans Road, or on foot from Mountainview Road. Buses are advised to access the park from the Morgans Road entrance. There is plenty of car parking at the facility, there may be one or two minutes walking involved for some, please follow the parking signs. There will be one gate entrance only for athletes and spectators to enter the Track facility, this is marked on the map.

Regards

Helen Mackle
Chair LOC

P.S. The following information is on the NZSSAA web site:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guideline Programme• Officials Application Form• Accommodation in Timaru• Newsletter One• Newsletter Two• Road Race Maps	Para Athlete Information <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Para Athletes Information• PNZ Guide to Classification• PNZ Physical Impairment Classification Form• PNZ Intellectual Impairment Eligibility• PNZ Intellectual Impairment Classification Form• PNZ Visual Impairment Medical Diagnostics Form
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More will be added to the web site in the lead up to the Champs.