

New Zealand Secondary Schools Track and Field & Road Race Championships
Auckland Trusts Stadium Waitakere - 2, 3, 4 December 2016

Newsletter 1

August 17 2016

Welcome to our first newsletter.

The Local Organising Committee wish to confirm that the NZSS Track & Field champs are to be held over two and a half-day's beginning on Friday December 2 at 3pm. The managers meeting for those who are able to be there will begin at 1pm with the NZSSAA AGM to follow and completed by 2.15 pm.

The track will be open on the Thursday afternoon 2pm to 5pm but as we are setting up the venue this may restrict some areas and we thank you for your cooperation (e.g. the running rail has to be installed throwing circles marked etc.

A special thanks to Auckland Council/Parks and those involved in working to achieve a solution to obtain a suitable facility after Mt Smart became unavailable.

Examinations

The NZSSAA Executive apologises to all athletes affected by a clash between the 1st afternoon of the championships and the final day of NZQA examinations. As far as we were aware when the dates were applied for through the NZSSSC sanctioning process in September 2015 we were clear of the examinations but this has proven not to be so. The examinations on Friday are Level 1 Drama(am), Art History(pm), Level 2 Education for Sustainability(am), Drama(pm) and Level 3 Drama(am), Social Studies(pm). We have been in contact with NZQA to discuss how this situation can be managed. Candidates for these exams may be able to sit them in another examination centre in Auckland. The first step in the process is for the student to let their school's Principal's Nominee know about the examination/s affected. The Principal's Nominee can then discuss the issue with NZQA. **This should be done as soon as possible.** The school and NZQA can then assess the extent of the problem and what might be done to enable the students to sit their examinations as scheduled. Team Managers of athletes who have a direct clash of exam and event on Friday afternoon are asked to email John Tylden oe@nzssaa.org.nz with the details so that the organising committee can consider any actions they might take to help resolve the situation.

Timeline

18 August	Newsletter 1 and Guideline Programme available on NZSSAA website
19 September	Newsletter 2 available on NZSSAA website
10 October	Online entries open
Ongoing	School entries posted on NZSSAA website as received and paid for
7 November	Newsletter 3 available on NZSSAA website
21 November	Final date for entries
29 November	Individual scratchings close
2 December	Manager's packs available at Trusts Stadium Waitakere.
2 December	Managers meeting (if required) /NZSSAA AGM venue and time to be confirmed
2/3/4 December	Track and Field Championships at Trusts Stadium Waitakere
4 December	Road Race Championships, venue to be confirmed

Age Groups

All athletes must have turned 13 prior to 31 December 2016

Junior Under 16 as at 31 December 2016 (born on or after 1 January 2001)

Senior Under 20 as at 31 December 2016 (born between 1 January 1997 and 31 December 2000)

Year 9 Road Race only Runners must be under 15 as at 31 December 2016 (born on or after 1 January 2002)
(A runner can compete in the Year 9 race once only.)

Para Athletes As for junior and senior above except the Senior age for ORS funded students is under 22 on 31 December 2016. Contact oe@nzssaa.org.nz to enter over 20 years of age athletes.

Entries

All entries must be made online on the NZSSAA website on or before **21 November**. The website will be open for entries from **10 October** and will close on **21 November** at midnight. Details of how to do this will come in a separate document closer to the opening of entries.

Affiliation

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

\$22.00	One or two events (including the road race)
\$30.00	Three or more events
\$10.00	Relay competitors only

Programme of Events

The guideline programme for the weekend is available on the Website. There have been some changes to the original draft following representations from a number of people. The most notable change is the delayed start on Friday to allow for teams not arriving in time from the South Island. The Hammer competition will begin at 9.00 am on Saturday and Sunday. The short hurdles preliminaries have been switched with the 100m on Saturday morning which allows greater recovery before the long hurdles and still leaves plenty of time before Round 2 of the 100m. There is an alteration in the order of the grades to minimise conflict with field events on at that time. The Senior Girls and Boys 3000m final will now be on Saturday morning and the heats of the 1500m on Saturday afternoon.

Road Race

Due to the volume of traffic around the roads close to the stadium we are currently checking a venue approximately 8km away located in and around Moire Park which will require council approval and some road closure. We will provide further information as soon as we have the course confirmed.

Track

The current track is being resurfaced starting August 2016 through to mid November 2016. (Tight but Mt Smart was carried out in this time frame). Therefore we will have a new surface and remarked track certified to class 2.

Equipment

Starting blocks and throwing implements are provided. If you wish to use your own implement this will be required to be measured and, if passed, will be added to the pool and available to any athlete competing in that event. The times to do this will be provided closer to the event. Pole vault poles are usually an athlete's

responsibility but if there is difficulty in transporting them we may be able to provide some additional poles. We will need details of the pole size. Please contact Peter Booker bookerp@xtra.co.nz to request a pole.

Accommodation

A list of accommodation in Auckland is available on <http://www.aucklandnz.com/accommodation>
We suggest also looking for accommodation to the North & West of the city and use search engines like booking.com Expedia etc

Tent Sites

Tent Sites will be available on the grass bank beyond the back straight.

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 and details will be included in Newsletter 2.

The Local Organising Committee is working hard to ensure the event will be an enjoyable one for all.

Regards

Peter Booker

LOC Chair

Auckland Track & field chairman.