



**KENNEDY PARK RESORT
NEW ZEALAND
SECONDARY SCHOOLS
TRACK, FIELD & ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL SPORTS PARK - DECEMBER 1-3

NEWSLETTER 1

JULY 28, 2017

Welcome to the first newsletter for the 2017 Kennedy Park Resort New Zealand Secondary Schools Track, Field and Road Championships.

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 1 at the Hawke's Bay Regional Sports Park at the William Nelson Athletics Precinct. Field events will begin at 1:00 pm on Friday, while track events will commence at 2:00 pm that day. The managers meeting for those who are able to be there will begin at 11:00 am with the NZSSAA AGM to follow and completed by 12:30 pm.

The track will be open on the Thursday afternoon from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm but as we are setting up the venue this may restrict some areas and we thank you for your cooperation (e.g. throwing circles marked, etc.)

A special thanks to the Napier City Council, Hastings District Council, our naming sponsor Kennedy Park Resort Napier and all those involved in developing a fantastic event.

Below is everything you need to know at this stage for the event:

EXAMINATIONS

When the dates for these Championships were being decided, the NZSSAA were aware that there was the possibility of exams not finishing before the Friday and have taken action to minimise the impact on those affected.

Candidates for exams on Friday (or Thursday if necessary) will be able to sit them in another examination centre in Hastings or Napier. Lindisfarne College, not far from the stadium in Hastings, has offered to be an examination centre if required and other schools, we are sure, will be willing to help.

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 work through this by accessing this link to NZQA: [Request to change Examination Centre](#). **This should be done as soon as possible.**

Team Managers of athletes who have a direct clash of an exam and an 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 action they might take to ensure the athlete can sit their examination at the scheduled time and then participate in the competition at a later time.

TIMELINE

28 July	Newsletter 1 and Guideline Programme available on NZSSAA website
30 August	Newsletter 2 available on NZSSAA website
9 October	Online entries open
Ongoing	School entries posted on NZSSAA website as received and paid for
1 November	Newsletter 3 available on NZSSAA website
19 November	Final date for entries
28 November	Individual scratchings close
1 December	Manager's packs available at Hawke's Bay Regional Sports Park
1 December	Managers meeting at 11:00 am/NZSSAA AGM at the stadium
1/2/3 December	Track and Field Championships at the Hawke's Bay Regional Sports Park
3 December	Road Race Championships at Eastern Institute of Technology (EIT), Taradale

AGE GROUPS

- All athletes must have turned 13 prior to 31 December 2017
- Junior - Under 16 as at 31 December 2017 (born on or after 1 January 2002)
- Senior - Under 20 as at 31 December 2017 (born between 1 January 1998 and 31 December 2001)
- Year 9 Road Race only - Runners must be in Year 9 and under 15 as at 31 December 2017 (born on or after 1 January 2003). 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 2017. 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 November 19th. The website will be open for entries from October 9th and will close on November 19th 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 Christchurch will have the \$55.00 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. Please note that the Junior Boys shot put will now be held at 5:00 pm on the Friday instead of 1.30 pm on Sunday as originally scheduled. If any athlete is affected badly by this significant change please let us know at oe@nzssaa.org.nz as soon as possible.

ROAD RACE

This venue for the Road Race has been locked in for the Eastern Institute of Technology (EIT) in Taradale. We will provide further information as soon as we have the course confirmed.



TRACK

All track events will be held at the Hawke's Bay Regional Sports Park at the William Nelson Athletics Precinct.

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. To request a pole, please contact Sharee Jones via email: 1nurse69@gmail.com.

ACCOMMODATION

A list of accommodation in Hawke's Bay is available on www.hawkesbaynz.com. The preferred accommodation for this event is Kennedy Park Resort Napier located on Storkey Street in Napier. We suggest also looking for accommodation using search engines like booking.com.

TENT SITES

Tent Sites will be located along the top curve of the track. Spots are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. There is an excellent stand with seating for over 2000 people.

PHOTOGRAPHER

We are working on securing a photographer. More information will be in the next newsletter,

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
Sharee Jones
Hastings Athletic Club Chair.