

**NEW ZEALAND  
SECONDARY SCHOOLS  
TRACK, FIELD & ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS  
CALEDONIAN, DUNEDIN – 30 NOV – 2 DEC 2018  
NEWSLETTER #1**

*JULY 2, 2018*

*Welcome to the first newsletter for the 2018 Perpetual Guardian New Zealand Secondary Schools Track, Field and Road Championships.*

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) wish to confirm that the NZSS Track & Field champs are to be held over two and a half days, commencing on Friday 30 November at 1:00 pm at the Caledonian Athletics Track, Dunedin.

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.

A special thanks to Perpetual Guardian for coming onboard as the naming sponsor for this event, your continued support of secondary school sport is much appreciated.

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 examinations 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 at Logan Park High School, across the road from the Caledonian Stadium or at another Dunedin school if that is a more suitable arrangement. The examinations scheduled for Thursday and Friday are:

Date / Time	NCEA Level 1	NCEA Level 2	NCEA Level 3	
Thurs 29 Nov	9.30 am	Accounting	Te Reo Rangatira / Latin	Japanese
	2.00 pm	Dance	Classical Studies	Spanish
Fri 30 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Māori / Art History	Chinese	French
	2.00 pm	Classical Studies		Economics

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 using the appropriate form and accessing this link to NZQA: [request to change examination centres](#). 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](mailto: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

- 6 July Newsletter #1 and Guideline Programme available on NZSSAA website
- Late September Newsletter #2 available on NZSSAA website
- 15 October Online entries open
- Ongoing School entries posted on NZSSAA website as received and paid for
- Start November Newsletter #3 available on NZSSAA website
- 16 November final date for entries
- 27 November individual scratchings close
- 30 November Managers packs available at the Caledonian
- 30 November Managers meeting at 11:00 am/NZSSAA AGM at the Caledonian
- 30 November - 2 December, Track and Field Championships at the Caledonian
- 2 December Road Race Championships at Forsyth Barr Stadium

## AGE GROUPS

- All athletes must have turned 13 prior to 31 December 2018
- Junior - Under 16 as at 31 December 2018 (born on or after 1 January 2003)
- Senior - Under 20 as at 31 December 2018 (born between 1 January 1999 and 31 December 2002)
- Year 9 Road Race only - Runners must be in Year 9 and under 15 as at 31 December 2018 (born on or after 1 January 2004). 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 2018. Contact [oe@nzssaa.org.nz](mailto: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 16 November. The website will be open for entries from 15 October and will close on 16 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 Taupo 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 only competitors

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

The guideline programme for the weekend is available on the NZSSAA Website.

## ROAD RACE

The Road Race venue will be held at the Forsyth Barr Stadium (500m from the Caledonian Track) We will provide further information as soon as we have the course confirmed.

## TRACK VENUE

The Caledonian Ground has a large stand which seats approximately 1200 people and grassed areas surrounding the rest of the track. The track itself is made from a tartan texture and has the reputation of being fast. There will be ample room for schools to bring shelters and tents to be placed adjacent to the warm up/marshalling area. More details re tent space to come in future newsletters.



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.)

## **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.

## **COMMUNICATION**

We will endeavour to place all information on the NZSSAA web site and the NZSSAA Facebook Page. To stay up to date with all alerts and postings about the up and coming event please 'like/click attending' on the 'Perpetual Guardian NZSS Track, Field & Road Race Champs' event page. This can be found in the 'Event' tab of the NZSSAA Facebook page.

Should you have any questions, other than about entries and order of events, you can contact Nicole, Events Manager/LOC Secretary, as detailed below.

*Nicole McLaren* - [nicole@ossaa.org.nz](mailto:nicole@ossaa.org.nz) or 027 208 5916

For questions concerning entries/order of events contact John Tylden at [oe@nzssaa.org.nz](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz) .

## **ACCOMMODATION**

We have made arrangements with the University of Otago residential colleges for accommodation and meals packages. This accommodation is within walking distance of the Caledonian and so is ideal for events of this type.

Contact is: Elizabeth - [elizabeth.whangapirita@otago.ac.nz](mailto:elizabeth.whangapirita@otago.ac.nz) 03 479 5579

Or Salmond Hall - [fsmanager@salmondcollege.ac.nz](mailto:fsmanager@salmondcollege.ac.nz) 03 473 0772

Other websites for accommodation and information about what you can do while in Dunedin include: <http://dunedinnz.com/visit/accomodation>

## **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.

Regards

Nicole McLaren

Secretary, LOC

Otago Secondary Schools Sports Association

