

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

17 October 2018

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.

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. We would also like to thank the Otago Polytechnic for their support of this event.

MANGERS MEETING / NZSSAA AGM

The managers meeting for those who are able to be there will begin at 11:00 am on Fri 30 Nov with the NZSSAA AGM to follow and completed by 12.30 pm. Team mangers are asked to make themselves available for these meetings if possible.

EXAMINATIONS

Information on what to do in the event of athletes needing to sit an exam in Dunedin is in a separate document on the website. If athletes have a clash on Friday afternoon, please let John Tylden oe@nzssaa.org.nz know as soon as possible so that alternative arrangements can be made for qualifying after the athlete's examination is over.

TIMELINE

- 6 July Guideline Programme available on NZSSAA website
- Mid October 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

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 enter are available on the NZSSAA website, along with the entry standards.

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.

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 to enter over 20 years of age athletes.

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.

ENTRY STANDARDS

These are in a separate document on the NZSSAA website.

PARA CLASSIFICATION

ALL PARA Athletes wishing to enter in this event MUST be classified. This needs to be done no later than 15 October. Please see the following link for more details

<http://www.paralympics.org.nz/Pathway/Classification/Classification-Forms>.

National Classification will be held on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th November at the High-Performance Gym at Forsyth Barr Stadium.

TRACK VENUE

The Caledonian Ground has a large stand which seats approximately 1200 people and grassed areas surrounding the rest of the track.

There will be a designated space for school tents, this will be adjacent to the warm up/marshalling area behind the track grandstand. More details on booking a tent space will be sent out 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.

ROAD RACE

The Road Race will be held at the Forsyth Barr Stadium (500m from the Caledonian Track). Below is a map of the course. More details will be posted on the NZSSAA website as it becomes available.



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 03 479 5579

Or Salmond Hall - fsmanager@salmondcollege.ac.nz 03 473 0772

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

PHOTOGRAPHER

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

CHAMPIONSHIPS TEE SHIRTS

Event merchandise is available to purchase for this event. The design of the Tee Shirt along with the order form will be available and sent out soon. Details will also be posted on the event Facebook Page and NZSSAA website.

TOURS

Thanks to the Otago Polytechnic we like to extend an invite to Athletes and Parents etc. to take time to look around the following venues while in Dunedin:

- Te Pa Tauria (Otago Polytechnic Hall of Residence - <https://www.op.ac.nz/students/campuses/dunedin/accommodation/tile?id=709>)
 - Tours will be offered at 3pm on Friday 30 Nov and Saturday 1 Dec starting at 3pm
 - This facility is in walking distance from the Caledonian
- Forsyth Barr Stadium
 - Tours will be offered at 10am on Friday 30 Nov

If you have athletes/parents interested in taking part in the above tours, please make contact with Megan Gibbons megan.gibbons@op.ac.nz

COMMUNICATION

We will endeavour to place all information on the NZSSAA web site. To stay up to date with all alerts and postings about the up and coming event on Facebook 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, you can contact Nicole McLaren, Events Manager/LOC Secretary, as detailed below.

Nicole McLaren - nicole@ossaa.org.nz or 027 208 5916

For questions concerning entries/order of events contact John Tylden at oe@nzssaa.org.nz.

Regards

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