

NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TRACK, FIELD & ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS *NEWTOWN PARK WELLINGTON* NEWSLETTER #1

26 July 2019

Welcome to the first newsletter for the 2019 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 6 December 2019 at 1:00 pm** at **Newtown Park, Athletics Track, Wellington.**

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.

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

TIMELINE

- **26 July 2019** Newsletter #1 and Guideline Programme available on NZSSAA website **with links to AW, ANZ, College Sport Wellington websites**
- **17 September 2019** Newsletter #2 available on NZSSAA website **with links to AW, ANZ, College Sport Wellington websites**
- **14 October 2019** - online entries open
- Ongoing School entries posted on NZSSAA website as received and paid for
- **1 November 2019** Newsletter #3 available on NZSSAA website **with links to AW, ANZ, College Sport Wellington websites**
- **22 November 2019** final date for entries
- **3 December 2019** individual scratchings close
- **6 December 2019** Managers packs available at Newtown Park Athletic Stadium from **9 am**
- **6 December 2019** Managers meeting at **11:00 am**/NZSSAA AGM at **Newtown Park Athletic Stadium**
- **6-8 December 2019** - Track and Field Championships at **Newtown Park Athletic Stadium**
- **8 December 2019** - Road Race Championships at **NZCIS, Somme Rd, Upper Hutt**



AGE GROUPS

- All athletes must have turned 13 prior to 31 December 2019
- Junior - Under 16 as at 31 December 2019 (born on or after 1 January 2004)
- Senior - Under 20 as at 31 December 2019 (born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2003)
- Year 9 Road Race only - Runners must be in Year 9 and under 15 as at 31 December 2019 (born on or after 1 January 2005). A runner can compete in the Year 9 race once only.
- Para Athletes - Junior – Under 17 (born on or after 1 January 2003). Senior as above except the senior age for ORS funded students is under 22 on 31 December 2019. 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 22 November 2019**. The website will be **open for entries from 14 October 2019 and will close on 22 November 2019 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 Timaru 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 **with links to AW, ANZ, College Sport Wellington websites**

ROAD RACE

The Road Race venue will be held at the **NZCIS Course, Somme Rd, Upper Hutt**. We will provide further information as soon as we have the course confirmed.

TRACK VENUE

Newtown Park Athletic Stadium can seat approximately 5,000 people. Approximately 1,800 in the stand and the rest on the grassed areas surrounding the rest of the track. The track itself is made of Rekortan texture and has the reputation of being fast.

There will be some room for schools to bring small shelters and tents to be placed on the uneven grass embankment around the track.

There will also be space available to put up some shading on the northern end road behind the fence around the track.

The track will be open on the **Thursday – 5th December 2019 from 2.00 to 5.00pm** for light practice/training 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 weighed and if passed, will be held in the equipment storeroom and brought out at competition time. 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 **with links to AW, ANZ, College Sport Wellington websites**

To stay up to date with all alerts and postings about the up and coming event please 'like/click attending' on the 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 Amanda Goldsmith – LOC – AW & NZSSAA on 021614064 or email amandagoldsmith877@gmail.com

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

ACCOMMODATION

No specific arrangements have been made regarding accommodation, other than special tariffs for this competition. Mention that it is for the NZSSAA championships when you make your booking.

You may like to check out the following:

Campus Living Villages NZ Ltd- 80 Fairlie Terrace, Kelburn-Phone 04-470 9224
veronica.hennig@clv.co.nz

OR

NZCIS, 48 Somme Rd, Upper Hutt, Wellington Phone 04-527 2971
angela.smylie@nzcis.co.nz

The Road Race will be held at this location.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Masanori from Photowellington.com has been appointed as the photographer at this competition. He will be taking photos on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (including the road race) and photos can be ordered from him on a daily basis. The photos will be uploaded each evening and a link will be provided on the relevant websites for athletes, teachers, parents to peruse before ordering.

CHAMPIONSHIPS TEE SHIRTS

Souvenir Tee Shirts will be available for purchase and details will be included in Newsletter #2.

Regards

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