

NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TRACK, FIELD & ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS *NEWTOWN PARK WELLINGTON* NEWSLETTER #2

17 September 2019

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 at 1:00 pm at Newtown Park Stadium, Wellington. The major sponsor for this event is still to be announced but we are delighted to announce Victoria University of Wellington as a sponsor, provider of accommodation and other resources to support the event.

MANGERS MEETING / NZSSAA AGM

The managers meeting for those who are able to be there will begin at 11:00 am on Fri 6 December with the NZSSAA AGM to follow and completed by 12.30 pm. Team managers are asked to make themselves available for these meetings if possible.

TIMELINE

- **26 July 2019** Newsletter #1 and Guideline Programme available on NZSSAA website
- **17 September 2019** Newsletter #2 available on NZSSAA website
- **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
- **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**

ENTRIES

All entries must be made online on the NZSSAA website on or before 22 November. The website will be open for entries from 14 October and will close on 22 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 Timaru will have the \$55.00 affiliation fee added to their entries invoice.

HOME SCHOOLED ATHLETES

Home schooled athletes are now eligible to compete at our championships under School Sport NZ guidelines. Athletes wishing to enter should contact oe@nzssaa.org.nz .

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 - As for junior and senior 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.

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 provisionally classified no later than 14 October. The up-to-date Para athletics details are available on the NZSSAA website.

<https://nzssaa.org.nz/>

Just click through for all the necessary information and forms that may be required.

National Classification will be held on Friday 6th December at Newtown Park Stadium. The room is under the grandstand at the western end of the stadium and will be sign posted. There is a possibility that local athletes may need to be classified on the 5th December if there are large numbers to assess. Athletics New Zealand will communicate directly with athletes requiring Classification. The Classification schedule will be provided once all entries are closed. If you have any enquiries at all about this process please contact Rebecca Foulsham, Athletics New Zealand Classification Coordinator... rebecca@athletics.org.nz

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.

ROAD RACE

The Course for the Road Race is currently under review and details will be posted on the NZSSAA website as they becomes available.

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:



shortstays@clv.co.nz or

Campus Living Villages NZ Ltd- 80 Fairlie Terrace, Kelburn-Phone 04-470 9224

veronica.hennig@clv.co.nz

CHAMPIONSHIPS TEE SHIRTS

Souvenir Tee Shirts will be available for sale beforehand and also at the Shoe Clinic popup shop at the track. Once the major sponsor has been announced the design of the Tee Shirt along with the order form will be available and sent out. Details will also be posted on the event Facebook Page and NZSSAA website.

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 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 Ngaire Drake, Sport Manager/LOC Secretary, as detailed below.

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

Regards

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