



**NEW ZEALAND  
SECONDARY SCHOOLS  
TRACK, FIELD & ROAD RACE  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
*Tauranga Domain and Kulim Park*  
*Tauranga*  
**NEWSLETTER #1**

4 August 2020

*Nau mai, haere mai, tena koutou katoa. Welcome to the first newsletter for the 2020 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 11 December 2020 at 1:00 pm** at **Tauranga Domain Athletics Track, Tauranga** and being completed at approximately **5.15pm on Sunday 13 December**. The Road Race Championships will be held in the vicinity of **Kulim Park, Otumoetai on Sunday from 8.00 am -10.30 am**

A brief managers' meeting for those who are able to attend will begin at **10:00 am** with the NZSSAA AGM to follow and completed by 11.30 am.

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

**TIMELINE**

- **5 August** Newsletter #1, Guideline Programme and Standards and Specifications already available on NZSSAA website and Facebook pages.
- **1 October** Newsletter #2 available on NZSSAA website and Facebook pages.
- **12 October** Online entries open on NZSSAA website.
- **Current entries** will posted on NZSSAA website as received. **Unpaid** will appear beside each athletes name until payment is received and receipted.
- **23 November** Entries close. Late entries accepted for an additional \$10 per athlete providing space is available in desired event/s until December 9.
- **25 November** Newsletter #3 available on NZSSAA website and Facebook pages.
- **8 December** Single event scratchings close
- **10 December 4pm - 6pm** Managers packs available at the **Technical Information Centre (TIC)** and from **9 am 11 December onwards as required.**
- **11 December** Managers meeting in the Tauranga Sports Club adjacent to the southern end of the grandstand for those able to attend at **10:00 am** with NZSSAA AGM to follow. Managers unable to attend the managers meeting will be able to have all questions answered at the TIC.
- **11-13 December** Track and Field Championships at Tauranga Domain.
- **13 December** Road Race Championships at Kulim Park.

## AGE GROUPS

- All athletes must have turned 13 prior to 31 December 2020
- Junior - Under 16 as at 31 December 2020 (born on or after 1 January 2005)
- Senior - Under 20 as at 31 December 2020 (born between 1 January 2001 and 31 December 2004)
- Year 9 Road Race only - Runners must be in Year 9 and under 15 as at 31 December 2020 (born on or after 1 January 2006). A runner can compete in the Year 9 race once only.
- Para Athletes - Junior – Under 17 (born on or after 1 January 2004). Senior as above except the senior age for ORS funded students is under 22 on 31 December 2020. 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 20 November 2020**. The website will be **open for entries from 12 October 2020 and will close on 23 November 2020 at midnight**. Details of how to do this will come in Newsletter 2 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 Hawera 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 and Facebook pages.

## ROAD RACE

The Road Race will be held the vicinity of Kulim Park, Otumoetai. We will provide further information in Newsletter 2.

## TRACK VENUE

The grandstand and concrete terraces below can seat approximately 1800 people but there is limited viewing around the rest of the arena. The track itself is a Rekortan surface and is in excellent condition. There is a significant grassed area on the lower field to the north of the stadium for warming up but the only warm throws allowed will be at the event prior to competition and under the control of officials.

There will be room for schools to bring tents to be erected either on the warm up field or between the hedge and gravel track on the top field adjacent to the jumping and vaulting runways. The Hammer cage is located on the lower field.

The track will be open on the **Thursday 10 December 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.

## 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 an athlete's responsibility but if there is difficulty in transporting them we may be able to provide some additional poles.

#### **SPIKES**

The spikes approved for the rekortan track are Pyramid (cone shaped) or Christmas tree (compression tiered) spikes. Needle or Pin spikes are not allowed even if they have a flat surface at their contact point.

#### **COMMUNICATION**

We will endeavour to place all information on the NZSSAA web site and the NZSSAA Facebook Page. For questions concerning entries/order of events contact John Tylden at [oe@nzssaa.org.nz](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz) .

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Unfortunately there are no halls of residence or school hostels available to achieve a 'Games Village' atmosphere but there are plenty of accommodation options in Tauranga and Mount Maunganui within relatively easy commuting range of the Domain and Kulim Park. Be aware that if community transmission of Covid-19 occurs cancelation of the championships is a very likely outcome and the ability to recover any deposit paid needs to be negotiated with your accommodation provider.

#### **OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS**

Graded Officials and Volunteers are welcome to make contact to assist us in delivering a successful championships even for part of the time. Officials should contact Heather O'Hagan [heathersohagan@gmail.com](mailto:heathersohagan@gmail.com) and Volunteers Ruth Tuiraviravi [ruth@mayoandcalder.com](mailto:ruth@mayoandcalder.com)

#### **CHAMPIONSHIPS TEE SHIRTS**

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

Nō reira tena koutau. tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

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