



New Zealand Secondary Schools
Athletics Association



**NEW ZEALAND
SECONDARY SCHOOLS
TRACK, FIELD & ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020**
Tauranga Domain and Kulim Park
Tauranga
NEWSLETTER #3

November 25 2020

Nau mai, haere mai, tena koutou katoa. Welcome to the third newsletter for the 2020 New Zealand Secondary Schools Track, Field and Road Championships.

Please refer to Newsletter 1 and 2 as the information provided there has not been repeated except for the remainder of the timeline, the Covid-19 warning and where initial information has been enhanced. Congratulations to everyone who has chosen to take part. We have 1285 athletes from 215 schools at the close of entries. You can see this newsletter and other information either on this website [NZSSAA: New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletic Association](https://www.nzssaa.co.nz) or on our Facebook event page <https://fb.me/e/341hOm1Ys>.

COVID-19

It is our intention to hold the championships providing the entire country is operating at Alert Level 1 with no restrictions on the size of gatherings. Everyone needs to be aware that a cancellation could happen at any time if community transmission begins to occur and the NZSSAA Executive decides that it would be unwise to proceed. In the event of cancellation all affiliation and entry fees will be refunded. Merchandise payments will be retained and all orders will be honoured.

Please use the QR codes and hand sanitizer available at the Domain and Kulim Park

TIMELINE

- **23 November** Entries closed. 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.
- **26 November** Competitor Information, Progressions available as above.
- **30 November** Timed Programme available as above
- **8 December** Single event and complete scratchings to assist with programming appreciated.
- **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.

SCRATCHINGS

We are trialling a change in the closing time for scratchings from single events this year. Previously scratchings for single events had to be done in online entries by midnight on the Tuesday immediately before the championships. After that date any scratchings received were considered as scratchings from all events.

We will now accept scratchings on the forms available at the **Technical Information Centre** up to **ninety minutes** prior to the starting time of each session eg am or pm session. Any scratching applied for after the ninety minute deadline will be considered a scratching from all other events the athlete is entered in unless permission is granted to continue in them by application to the Technical Delegate.

We would very much appreciate scratchings either from single events or from the championships completely as soon as the decision has been made please and preferably by Tuesday December 8 by 11.59pm so that the fields are as accurate as possible when we import the information into the results system to determine the heats required and the numbers taking part in field events.

Scratching an athlete in the online entries system is easy. The person managing entries for the school should **login** and go to **current entries**. To scratch an athlete from the entire meeting select **Remove** to the right of the athlete's name. To scratch an athlete from a single event/s select the athletes name to open up their entry information window and select **clear** to the left of the event/s they wish to scratch from. **The online entries system will not be available for this process after Tuesday December 8.** Scratchings can be made manually at the Technical Information Centre from **Thursday December 10.**

NB: The Road Race and the Track and Field Championships are separate championships and scratchings are not required for the Road Race unless the team manager plans to substitute a replacement runner. This can be done right up to the time of the race using the scratchings/replacements form provided to managers.

ROAD RACE

Please see Newsletter 2 for race times and course maps.

Parking is available for team vans in part of the Countdown Supermarket's parking area and for other vehicles in the streets in that area. There is a relatively short walk or run to the course. Please support Countdown if you are looking for food and refreshments.

Timing will be done electronically using timing chips attached to your running shoes. These will be issued with the managers envelopes and must be placed in the buckets at the end of the race before athletes leave the finish area. Medals will be presented to the first 3 individuals and the 3person and 6 person teams in Kulim Park not far from the finish. Please do not go away for a warm down if you are likely to be involved as we will make presentations as close to the completion of your race as possible. Please note that the road races will not be livestreamed and there will be limited announcements and commentary via loud speaker as the event is being held early in the morning in a residential area. **Water will be available at the finish area but please bring your own containers as we are aiming to keep waste to a minimum.**

PARA ATHLETE CLASSIFICATION

Classification will take place on Thursday and Friday morning in the Cricket Pavilion (see Tauranga Domain map) The Chief Classifier will be in contact soon with all athletes requiring classification to establish appointments.

MERCHANDISE

Merchandise orders have now closed completely but there will be some product available for purchase from TIC from Friday morning.

SCHOOL TENTS

There is plenty of room for school tents to the Eastern side of the warm up area and with room for a few tents on the upper field close to the hedge on the Cameron Road side (see Tauranga Domain map). Tent sites can only be secured by contacting **Sarah Gardner** Sgardner@tgc.school.nz and will be issued on a 'first come first served basis'. In the interests of Health and Safety tents must all be securely tied down with strong ties, substantial pegs and adequate weights. Not long ago a severe wind overnight destroyed several team tents at the Domain and every effort must be made to have your tent as secure as possible. The Safety Officer and Sarah will be inspecting tents to ensure they comply with our instructions. They have the right to ask a school to remove their tent for safety reasons. Tents can be assembled from Thursday afternoon onwards on the understanding that they are there at each school's own risk. There will be overnight security on site but the LOC does not accept responsibility for the overseeing and safety of the tents.

GATE CHARGES

Friday Adults \$5 Saturday Adults \$10 Sunday Adults \$10

School Age and younger children are free

Athletics NZ registered coaches with a current official's card are free

Managers and Guests will be issued passes available in their managers packs

PARKING

Parking near the Domain is an issue particularly on Friday. There will be a separate document with advice on parking options on the website soon. **Please do not park on the grass berms in the streets around the Domain as you will be ticketed.**

PROGRAMMES

There will be a limited number for sale for \$5 each at TIC.

Each team will be issued 1 programme for up to 5 athletes, 2 for 6 to 10 athletes, 3 for 11 to 20 athletes, 4 for 21 to 30 athletes and so on.

FOOD AVAILABILITY

Real Fruit ice-cream, Nomad's Pizza, Bean and Gone, Flatbread Jack, Banger Boys, Lisa's Coffee

Please bring you own containers for water as we are aiming to keep waste to a minimum. There will be no plastic bottles for sale.

MASSAGE

Beyond Physio and Fitness will be present (see map) to provide free injury assessment, and treatment on ACC, free sports taping while sports massage will be charged at \$5 dollars per 5 min (cash only) no eftpos available.

For those athletes looking for physio sessions in the lead up to the competition we are a physiotherapy clinic with a fully equipped gym which we use to assist with rehab from early treatment to return to sport. Our physiotherapists use the gym including squat racks and free weights with most patients returning to sport and feel it is essential for successful rehab. We will be able to provide physio appointments to any athletes on our discounted rate at \$22 per treatment with ACC. Online bookings can be accessed via

<https://www.beyondfitness.co.nz/book-now/>

RUNNING SHOES/SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Smith Shoes will be present (see map) selling some middle distance and sprint spikes, the odd running\race shoes, accessories like sun glasses, spikes\spike keys, caps, rehydration supplements, calve skins, socks, water bottles, spike bags, Sports bags.

If anyone is wanting to get anything prior to nationals come in and see us, mention you are competing and get 15% off. The address is 100 Grey street, TAURANGA CBD/Phone number-(07) 5786363

PHOTOGRAPHY

The official photographers are Gary and Shirley Nesbit. Photographs can be viewed and ordered from

<http://nesport.co.nz/gallery/2020--NZ-Secondary-Schools-Track-/774/page1/>

LIVE STREAMING

The Track and Field Championships will be live streamed on Sky Sport Next but it will not be complete coverage. The main focus will be on senior events in line with the Charter on the Broadcast and Sponsorship of Secondary School Sport.

VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of volunteers to help the Officials conduct the events. Anyone prepared to offer their help for all or part of the time is welcome to contact Ruth Tuiraviravi 0210404879 or ruth@mayoandcalder.com . Lunch and a volunteers Tee Shirt are available for at least 1 day's commitment.

MANAGERS MEETING AND NZSSAA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Managers meeting followed directly by the AGM will be held in the Tauranga Sports Club to the south of the Grandstand and scheduled for 10.00am Friday December 11. **Do not worry if you are unable to be at the managers meeting as there is relatively limited space available. All questions or issues you might have can be dealt with at TIC.**

For the AGM all affiliated schools are welcome to have their representative attend. The Agenda is in a separate document on the website.

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

John Tylden
LOC Convenor