



**NEW ZEALAND
SECONDARY SCHOOLS
TRACK, FIELD & ROAD RACE
CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020**
Tauranga Domain and Kulim Park
Tauranga
NEWSLETTER #2

October 1 2020

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

Please refer to Newsletter 1 as the information provided there has not been repeated except for the timeline, age groups and where initial information has been enhanced.

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. We are comfortable with payment of these fees being delayed until close to the closing of entries.

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.
- **6 November** final day for submitting Para Athletes provisional classification applications.
- **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 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.

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 to enter over 20 years of age athletes.

Tauranga Online Entries Information

All entries must be made online on the NZSSAA website on or before **Monday November 23 at 11.59 pm**. The website will be open for entries from **October 12**. The person in charge of a school's entries will need the school's login details held either by the Principal or the possibly the Sports Coordinator. If the login details are not available please email oe@nzssaa.org.nz to request them.

NZSSAA Affiliation

The Association collects school affiliation fees with entries. Most schools are yet to pay affiliation given the cancellation of the Cross Country Championships in Hawera. Those few that have paid will be credited with that payment and the \$55 should not appear on your 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 competitors only

Do not be late with your entries. After November 23 further entries will only be added with the approval of the online entries administrator. Late entries will only be accepted **if there has been a genuine error or accepted reason** and if they do not create an extra heat or round or if field event numbers are low enough to allow the event to be completed in the allocated time. There will be a charge of \$10 per late entry and they need to be emailed to oe@nzssaa.org.nz. **No late entries will be accepted after 12 noon on Thursday December 10.**

Entries for all NZSSAA events are to be submitted online. Please follow the instructions below.

1	Visit http://entries.co.nz/o/nzsstfr2020/ under Entry Procedures. This can be found on the home page or by selecting Competitions and then the current championships.
2	A login prompt will be presented to your browser.
3	Enter your assigned username and password to proceed into the system.

Please remember to fill in your school information first (including a cell phone number for the manager so that they can be contacted at the championships) and the declaration tick box. The declaration has been updated to reflect the likelihood of livestreaming of many of the events.

The person responsible for entries confirms the athletes have been informed that their age, gender and school will be in the results held on the NZSSAA website after the championships and therefore, available on the internet in the future unless the athletes individually request their removal after 3 months.

The athletes have also given their permission:

To NZSSAA to use photographs taken of them by the championship's official photographer for appropriate publicity and information e.g. in newspapers, programmes and on the NZSSAA website and Facebook pages.

To NZSSAA to allow livestreaming of them competing in their event. This will be done in compliance with the NZ Sport Collective Broadcasting Charter adopted by Athletics NZ (the National Sports Organization for Athletics) and NZSSAA (see <http://www.nzsssc.org.nz/asset/downloadasset?id=48dbead3-57ba-4682-a943-442f590bdf9b>)

*Go to the **Athletes** section. There will be a list of athletes that have been entered by your school previously unless this is the first time your school has entered. Select their names or add an athlete if they are a new athlete and complete the details in the entries window that appears including name, birthdate, gender, Athletics NZ registration status (Please complete this section accurately as we are wanting to know the number of registered athletes taking part) and Para Classification if you are entering a Para Athlete (see separate document about Para Athlete Classification).*

Each school can enter 1 athlete per event without reference to the standards and up to 3 athletes per event (4 in the 100m and 400 metres if entering teams in the 4x100m and 4x400 relays. Enter the relay first for this option to apply). When entering more than 1 athlete the standards (see separate document), which should be regarded more as guidelines rather than standards, apply and, in order to enter the athletes, performances that equal or better the standards must be entered even if an athlete is yet to achieve that performance. If a school wishes to enter 4 athletes in the same event (except in the relays exception above) the request needs to be emailed to oe@nzssaa.org.nz with evidence that all have equalled or bettered the standard.

*Once entered and saved the entered athletes and relay teams appear in the **Current Entries** section. By selecting the athlete they can be corrected or scratched from a single event by selecting **clear** beside that event or selecting **remove** beside their name if they are scratching from all their events.*

*Go to the **Payment** section. **Your entries are complete when you have chosen a payment option, produced an invoice (you can print this off for your accounts department) and paid.** There are two options for payment. The first is by **school or personal credit card**. The second is by direct crediting the **NZSSAA Entries bank account 12-3150-0174691-00**.*

Please note that you can add additional entries yourself up until entries close even though you may have already generated an invoice or paid. Enter your additional athletes, generate another invoice and pay for them accordingly.

*Please note: Athletes will appear in the confirmed entries list on the website and will be able to compete but will have **unpaid** beside their names until entry fees have been receipted.*

Entry enquiries are to be by email only to oe@nzssaa.org.nz please.

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 a athlete from the entire meeting select **Remove** to the right of the athletes 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 and scratchings will have to be made manually at the Technical Information Centre from Friday December 11.

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.

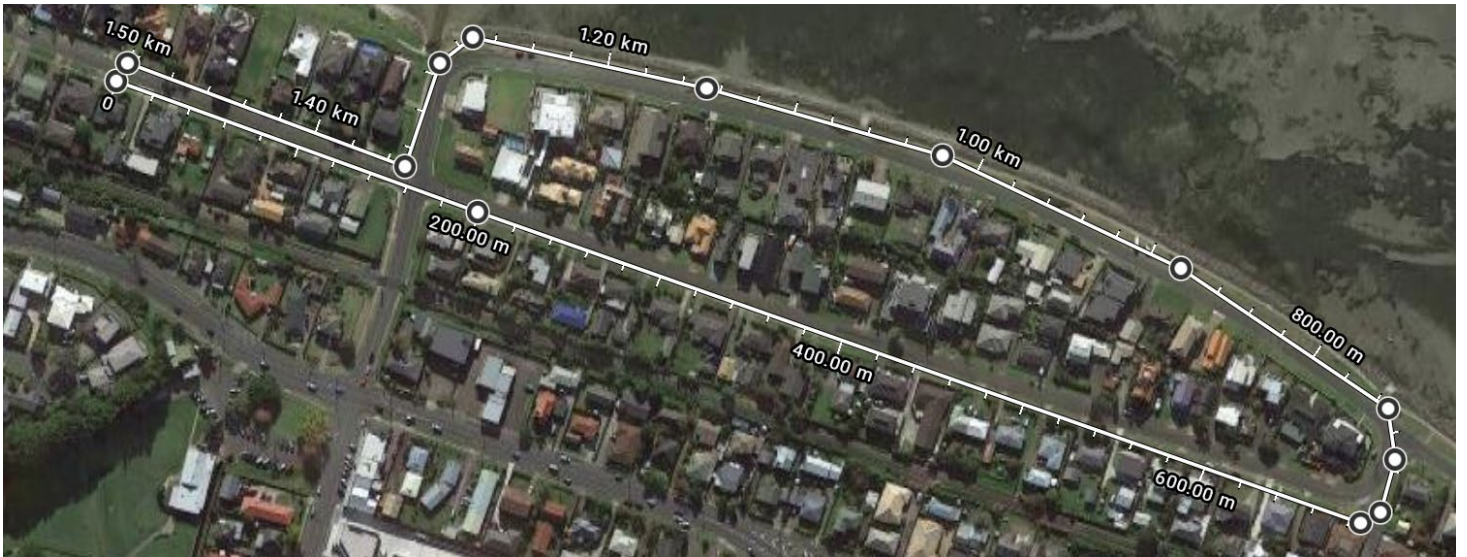
ROAD RACE

The Road Race will be held in the vicinity of Kulim Park, Otumoetai. Parking is available for team vans in part of the Countdown Supermarket's parking area that can be seen toward the lower edge of the second satellite photo.

Programme

8.00 am	4000 m	JG/PG
8.20 am	4000 m	JB/PB
8.40 am	3000 m	Y9 G
9.05 am	3000 m	Y9 B
9.30 am	4000 m	SG
9.55 am	6000 m	SB

Road Race Year 9 Course 3000m (1500m x 2)



Road Race Para Girls/Boys (2000m x 1), Junior Girls, Junior Boys, Senior Girls (2000m x 2), Senior Boys (2000m x 3)



PARA ATHLETE INFORMATION

Information concerning Para Athlete classification will be posted separately on the NZSSAA website today. This will include the provisional classification forms to be filled out for all athletes intending to enter the championships. Please complete these as soon as possible and email them to Rebecca Foulsham <rebecca@athletics.org.nz> by **November 6**.

MERCHANDISE

We will be posting a flyer on the NZSSAA website next week featuring souvenir products for purchase through our online entries system in the Merchandise section. This will include Tee Shirts, Rugby Jerseys, bucket hats and drink bottles.

Merchandise Images



NZSSAA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will follow directly on from the Managers meeting to be held in the Tauranga Sports Club to the south of the Grandstand and scheduled for 10.00am Friday December 11. All affiliated schools are welcome to have their representative attend. Please submit any Notices of Motion, nominations for Executive positions and recognition of service to secondary school athletics for approximately 20 years or more to the Secretary Ange Russek angelar@stpeters.school.nz by November 20. Service award nominations should be accompanied by a brief citation covering the nominated persons service to their school/s athletics community. It is perfectly acceptable for people to nominate themselves for this recognition.

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

John Tylden
LOC Convenor