



New Zealand Secondary Schools
Athletics Association



**NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS
TRACK, FIELD & ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS
and
ATHLETICS NZ
UNDER 16 & UNDER 18 CHAMPIONSHIPS
TET STADIUM, JUBILEE PARK
INGLEWOOD
3,4,5 December 2021**

NEWSLETTER #1

5 August 2021

Nau mai, haere mai, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa. Welcome to the first newsletter for the 2021 New Zealand Secondary Schools Track, Field and Road Championships.

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) wish to confirm that the NZSS Track & Field and Athletics New Zealand U16/U18 track and field championships are to be held over two and a half days, commencing on **Friday 3 December 2021 at 1.00 pm** at **TET Stadium, Jubilee Park, Inglewood** and being completed at approximately **5.45pm on Sunday 5 December**. The Road Race Championships will be held in the vicinity of **Karo Park, Inglewood on Sunday from 8.00 am -11.00 am**. A brief managers' meeting for those who are able to attend will begin at **10.00 am at the TET Stadium Events Centre** with the NZSSAA AGM to follow and completed by 11.30 am.

NZSSAA is pleased to announce and welcome the inclusion of the Athletics NZ Under 18 championships that were unable to be held earlier in the year and the Under 16 championships which we are taking the opportunity to trial as a possible annual fixture for the future. This competition will be conducted as part of the NZSSAA events but with registered athletes appearing again in a separate set of Finals results. To be eligible to achieve an Athletics NZ placing athletes must be registered through their local clubs before entries close on November 15 if they intend in competing in both championships. Other than the cost of registration with your club there is no extra entry cost involved to participate in these championships.

Registered athletes who are Under 18 and no longer at school will be able to compete in the Athletics NZ Under 18 championships. Information on how to enter will be provided in Newsletter #2. Centres will be able to enter Under 18 4x100 Relay teams. These relays will be run on Saturday afternoon as timed finals. School 4x100 relays will be held on Sunday afternoon as timed finals also.

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

TIMELINE

- **5 August** Newsletter #1.
- **1 October** Newsletter #2 available on NZSSAA website and Facebook pages.
- **11 October** Online entries open on NZSSAA website. **Current entries** will be posted on NZSSAA website as received. **Unpaid** will appear beside each athlete's name until payment is received and receipted.

- **15 November** Entries close. Late entries accepted for an additional \$10 per athlete providing space is available in desired event/s until December 1.
- **22 November** Newsletter #3 available on NZSSAA website and Facebook pages.
- **30 November** Online scratchings close at 11.59 pm. Thereafter scratchings need to be done through the **Technical Information Centre (TIC)** 90minutes prior to the scheduled time of the event.
- **2 December 4pm - 6pm** Managers packs available at the **TIC** and from **9 am 3 December onwards as required.**
- **3 December** Managers meeting upstairs in the Events Centre in the TET Stadium 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.
- **3-5 December** Track and Field Championships at TET Stadium.
- **5 December** Road Race Championships at Karo Park.

AGE GROUPS

- All athletes must have turned 13 prior to 31 December 2021
- Junior - Under 16 as at 31 December 2021 (born on or after 1 January 2006)
- Senior - Under 20 as at 31 December 2021 (born between 1 January 2002 and 31 December 2005)
- Year 9 Road Race only - Runners must be in Year 9 and under 15 as at 31 December 2021 (born on or after 1 January 2007). A runner can compete in the Year 9 race once only.
- Para Athletes - Junior – Under 17 (born on or after 1 January 2005). Senior as above except the senior age for ORS funded students is under 22 on 31 December 2021. Contact oe@nzssaa.org.nz to enter over 20 years of age athletes.
- Athletics New Zealand Age Groups (Athletes must be registered members of an Athletics New Zealand Club):
 - U16 as of the 31st December 2021 (born on or after 1 January 2006)
 - U18 as of the 31st December 2021 (born between 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2005)

ENTRIES

All entries must be made online on the NZSSAA website **on or before 15 November 2021**. The website will be **open for entries from 11 October 2021 and will close on 15 November 2021 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 will be available on the NZSSAA Website and Facebook pages shortly.

ROAD RACE

The Road Race will be held the vicinity of Karo Park, Inglewood.

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 Mondo surface and is in excellent condition. There is a significant grassed area on the lower field to the north of the stadium for warm ups including throws.

There will be room for schools to bring tents to be erected next to the warm up field.

The track will be open on the **Thursday 02 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 Mondo 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 website and the NZSSAA Facebook Page. For questions concerning entries/order of events contact John Tylden at oe@nzssaa.org.nz .

ACCOMMODATION

There are plenty of accommodation options in New Plymouth and Northern Taranaki within relatively easy commuting range of the Jubilee Park and Karo Park. There is a possibility of some school hostel options becoming available and we will provide information on the NZSSAA website and Facebook page soon as we have confirmation of this.

Be aware that if community transmission of Covid-19 occurs cancellation 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 successful championships even for part of the time. Officials should sign up via the ANZ officials portal.

Volunteers are asked to email Karen Gillum-Green on hurdleandwalk@gmail.com

CHAMPIONSHIPS TEE SHIRTS

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

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

Jason Cressingham
LOC Convenor