

# NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TRACK, FIELD & ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Trust Aoraki Athletics SC All Weather Track, Timaru  
6, 7, 8 December 2024*

## NEWSLETTER #3

26 November 2024

*Nau mai, haere mai, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.*

*Welcome to the third newsletter for the 2024 New Zealand Secondary Schools Track, Field and Road Championships.*

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) wish to confirm that the NZSSAA Track & Field Championships are to be held over two and a half days, commencing on **Friday 6th December 2024 at 12.00 pm** at the **Trust Aoraki All Weather Track, Aorangi Park, Timaru** and being completed at approximately **5.00pm on Sunday 8th December**.

The Road Race Championships will be held at Caroline Bay, Timaru **on Sunday from 8.00 am until 11.00 am**.

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

### TIMELINE

- **26 November** Newsletter #3 available on NZSSAA website and Facebook pages.
- **3 December** Online scratchings close at 11.59 pm. Thereafter scratchings need to be done through the **Technical Information Centre (TIC)** past the finish line (not in the grandstand) 90 minutes prior to the scheduled time of the event.
- **5 December 2pm to 6pm** venue open for inspection and light training.
- **5 December 2pm to 6pm** Managers packs available at the **TIC** and from **9 am 6 December onwards as required at gate entrance**.
- **6-8 December** Track and Field Championships at Trust Aoraki Athletics SC All Weather Track, Timaru.
- **8 December** Road Race Championships at Caroline Bay, Timaru.
- **8 December at 5pm (or earlier if possible)** the NZSSAA New Zealand Team and Athletes of the Meeting will be announced. Please try to arrange travel so your athletes can participate in this event by their support or participation.

### PROGRAMME INFORMATION

The timed programme, competitors' information, and progressions along with other important rules and information are available on the website.

### LIVE RESULTS

Live results will be available throughout the championships through Athletics Live and Live Results. Information on how to access these will be available on the NZSSAA website and Facebook page nearer the time.

### LIVE STREAMING

The Track and Field Championships will be live streamed on Whakaata Māori but it will not be complete coverage. There will be five sessions of coverage: Friday afternoon, and the morning and afternoon sessions on Saturday and Sunday. The focus will be on senior events in line with the Charter on the Broadcast and Sponsorship of Secondary School Sport. Links will be placed on the NZSSAA website and Facebook page.

A reminder to each School's TIC Athletics and/or Team Manager that you need to be aware of the declaration that you made with your Principals authority on the School Entry Info page when you entered students. Make sure your Principal knows that there will be live streaming, and that under the Charter they can opt out from having a student live streamed.

## SCRATCHINGS

Scratching an athlete prior to 11.59pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December is easy in the online entries system. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December and scratchings will have to be made at the Technical Information Centre when the athlete/s arrive at the venue.

We will accept scratchings on the forms available at the **Technical Information Centre** up to **90 minutes** prior to the **start time of the event**. Any scratching applied for after the 90 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 11.59pm on Tuesday 3 December** 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.

**NB:** 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 available at the Info table at the finish line area.

## ROAD RACE VENUE

The Road Race is to be held at Caroline Bay and is run totally within the grounds. See maps on NZSSAA event page.

No Dogs are allowed on Caroline Bay in any area (TDC bylaws).

The course is 5k from the Athletic Track. Most parking will be in the main carpark at the north end of Caroline Bay. Access this by turning off State Highway One (Evans Street) onto Te Weka Street and then right into Virtue Avenue. Some parking may also be found at the south and east of the course on side roads.

Due to the tightness of the course, care will need to be taken by all competitors at the start and on the many corners.

It is planned that the Para athletes will start two minutes after each Junior race at a start line closer to the finish line, so they complete exactly 2000m.

Athletes must wear their allocated two numbers front and back. Timing will be done electronically using a timing chip attached to one running shoe in conjunction with Photofinish cameras. Chips will be in each School's Team Manager pack available at the track from Thursday afternoon. Athletes who don't have shoelaces can collect a cable tie from the Info tent at the finish area. All chips must be placed in the buckets at the end of the race before athletes leave the finish area. If an athlete doesn't race or finish, then the chip needs to be returned to the finish line buckets or to TIC back at the track before you leave please.

Some emergency water will be available at the finish area, but athletes need to bring their own water in the first instance.

## ROAD RACE PROGRAMME

8.00 am	3000 m (3.040 m)	Y9 G	1 small lap, then 1 large lap, then finish straight
8.20 am	3000 m (3.040 m)	Y9 B	1 small lap, then 1 large lap, then finish straight
8.40 am	4000 m (4.010 m)	JG	2 small laps, then 1 large lap, then finish straight
8.42am – different start line (see Map)	2000 m (2.000 m)	Para G	2 small laps, then finish straight
9.05 am	4000 m (4.010 m)	JB	2 small laps, then 1 large lap, then finish straight
9.07am – different start line (see Map)	2000 m (2.000 m)	Para B	2 small laps, then finish straight
9.30 am	4000 m (4.010 m)	SG	2 small laps, then 1 large lap, then finish straight
9.55 am	6000 m (5.800 m)	SB	2 small laps, then 2 large laps, then finish straight

## **MERCHANDISE**

Merchandise pre-orders have now closed and it is planned that these orders will be available for collection from the Merchandise room upstairs in the Aorangi Pavilion (access by the East Bank of the facility) from Friday afternoon. Further orders can be placed at the Merchandise room during the weekend or online after the event, via the NZSSAA website. The Merchandise room may have a small range of sample sizes to try on before orders are placed.

## **SCHOOL TENTS**

Schools must pre-book tent sites of 3m x 3m. There is a small area for school tents inside the Facility on the West Bank near the Call tents, and overflow will go on the West Bank of the Cricket Oval at your own risk. Please contact Amanda Everett [Amanda.Everett@sportcanterbury.org.nz](mailto:Amanda.Everett@sportcanterbury.org.nz) to book a site. There will be no room for any school tents along the finish line embankment.

## **ENTRANCE GATE and CHARGES**

There is only one entry site to the Athletics Track Facility over the weekend, there will be two gates at this entrance site. Please note the facility map.

All other gates will be closed.

Adults \$5 for Friday Afternoon, \$10 for Saturday or Sunday or a "Multi Day Pass" of \$20 for 3 day pass available on Friday and Saturday. School Age and pre-school children free.

Athletics NZ registered coaches with a current official's card can show this at the Main Entrance to gain free access.

Team Managers will find a pass or passes in your team Pack which will get you through the Entrance Gate. Guests will be emailed with instructions on how to collect their Gate Pass.

## **DISABILITY ACCESS**

There is some disability parking close to the Entrance Gate which can be a drop off zone – please see map of facility. Wheelchair access to Grandstand - There is a path on the North side of the grandstand leading up the embankment and around the back of the grandstand for wheelchair access. There are wheelchair access toilets next to TIC room.

## **PROGRAMMES**

Each team will be issued 1 programme for up to 5 athletes, 2 for 6 to 12 athletes, 3 for 13 to 18 athletes, 4 for 19 to 24 athletes and so on. There will be a limited number for sale for \$5 each at the Entrance Gate.

## **PARKING**

There is plenty of parking on Aorangi Park. Entrance through the main gate on Morgans Road, then follow the signs to various car parks and bus parks. Please see map of Aorangi Park.

Please do not park up by the bowling grounds on Saturday as there will be bowls taking place.

**Please be aware that there will be work carried out on the hockey turf in the middle of Aorangi Park, with diggers and heavy machinery. Please keep well clear.**

There is also some parking on Morgans Road in front of Aorangi Park, and Mountainview Road at the back of Aorangi Park. **Please do not park outside any houses or block driveways. Officials' car park has limited parking for officials so, schools, please keep away from this area.**

## **FOOD COURT**

There are Food Caravans and coffee carts on site in the Food Court just inside the main gates for teams traveling and competing onsite. There is also a dairy within 400m of Aorangi Park. There is a New World Supermarket on Wai-iti Road, about a 1km from the park.

## **WATER**

Please bring your own containers for water as we are aiming to keep waste to a minimum. There are water fountains on both side of the grandstand to fill up water bottles.

## **FRONTRUNNER**

Frontrunner will have a tent on site with shoes, clothing, track spikes and other merchandise to purchase.

**FIRST AID**

There will be three Sports Medics on site for the whole event, located in the equipment shed. As well as urgent medical attention they will do massages. If you need urgent assistance and can't go to them, get an official to radio the Technical Staff in the Equipment shed to advise medical to come to you.

**DOGS**

There is a **No Dogs** policy on Aorangi Park, the Athletics Track and on Caroline Bay. Offenders will be fined by Timaru District Council. Please be aware that there are plenty of security cameras on all sites.

**MANAGERS MEETING**

There will be no Managers Meeting, all queries should be addressed to the TIC room beside the equipment sheds.

**PHOTOS**

The organising committee has arranged for photographs to be taken over the weekend. Assuming this happens, photos will be uploaded as soon as possible after each session. The link will be posted on the NZSSAA website before the Championships begin and will be advertised on Facebook during the weekend.

Ngā mihi nui

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