

NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION 52nd TRACK & FIELD and ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Mitre 10 Sports Park, Hastings
5th, 6th, 7th December 2025*

NEWSLETTER #1

18th August 2025

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

Welcome to the first newsletter for the 2025 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 5th December 2025 at 12.00 pm at the Mitre 10 Sports Park, Hastings** and being completed at approximately **5.00pm on Sunday 7th December**.

The Road Race Championships, is proposed to be held **[TBC]** at *Park Island, Napier on Sunday from 8.00 am -11.00 am*. The Road Race venue is **SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION**

Please note there is no managers meeting this year. Any changes to the programme after the close of entries and other issues will be notified in the final newsletter and all questions will be answered at TIC.

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

TIMELINE

- **12th August** draft T&F programme available for comment on NZSSAA website. Note that due to the constraints of the Hastings track and Live Streaming demands, the programme will be different to recent years.
- **18th August** Newsletter #1.
- **6th October** Newsletter #2 available on NZSSAA website and Facebook pages.
- **13th 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.
- **17th November** Entries close. Late entries accepted for an additional \$10 per athlete providing space is available in desired event/s until December 4.
- **26th November** Newsletter #3 available on NZSSAA website and Facebook pages.
- **3rd December** Online scratchings close at 11.59 pm. Thereafter scratchings need to be done through the **Technical Information Centre (TIC)** 90 minutes prior to the scheduled time of the event.
- **4th December 2pm to 6pm** venue open for inspection and light training.
- **4th December 3pm to 6pm** Managers packs available at the **TIC** and from **9am, 5th December onwards as required at gate entrance**.
- **5th-7th December** Track and Field Championships at Mitre 10 Sports Park, 42 Percival Road, Hastings 4120.
- **7th December** *Road Race Championships at Park Island Napier* **[Venue TBC]**
- **7th December at 4.30pm (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.

AGE GROUPS

- All athletes must have turned 13 prior to 31 December 2025 (born 2012 or earlier)
- Junior - Under 16 as at 31st December 2025 (born in 2010, 2011)
- Senior - Under 20 as at 31st December 2025 (born in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009)
- Year 9 Road Race only - Runners must be in Year 9 and under 15 as at 31st December 2025 (born on or after 1 January 2011). A runner can compete in the Year 9 race once only.

- Para Athletes - Junior – Under 17 (born on or after 1st January 2009). Senior as above except the senior age for ORS funded students is under 22 on 31st December 2025. Contact 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 17th November 2025**.

The website will be **open for entries from 13th October 2025 and will close on 17th November 2025 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 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:

- \$30.00 - one or two events (including the road race)
- \$40.00 - three or more events
- \$15.00 - relay only competitors

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

The guideline programme will be available on the NZSSAA Website and Facebook pages shortly.

Note: 2025 sees the inclusion of 4 x 100m Mixed relays

TRACK VENUE

The Mitre 10 Sports Park, Hastings has held the NZSSAA Track & Field Championships twice previously.

The 8-lane Polytan Track was officially opened in February 2008, with full electronic timing facilities on the main straight, multiple throwing circles, including a Hammer Cage at the north end with the discus cage at the South end and long and triple jump pits at both ends of the back straight with the Pole Vault runway running parallel to the jumping pits.

The grandstand can seat 2500 which has a great view of the whole track and field for spectators and there is a grassed embankment on the back straight and sunshades at the southern end of the track. There will be limited room for school tents, and these will NOT be erected at the 200m or 1500m starts (i.e. in front of the embankment). There will be a small grass area behind the 100m start.

➤ IF YOU NEED TENT SPACE, PLEASE CONTACT THE LOC FOR APPROVAL

Warmups can be done on the grassed area by the call room and the throws warm up area which is available for shot put and discus in the cage **ONLY**. Long throws i.e. hammer and javelin will need to be done inside the competition area.

There will be room for schools to erect some shelters outside the competition area, but tents will have to be taken down at the end of each day due to no security on this area or you can risk it by leaving them up.

The track will be open on the **Thursday 4th December from 2pm to 6pm** for light practice/training but as we are setting up the venue, this may restrict some areas and we thank you for your cooperation.

ROAD RACE VENUE

The Road Race venue is potentially at Park Island, Napier. This is yet to be confirmed by the Napier City Council and is about an easy 20-minute drive from the track along the expressway. Parking is available. More details on the course including start and finish areas will be uploaded to the NZSSAA website as soon as it is finalised.

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 all-weather 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 oe@nzssaa.org.nz.

ACCOMMODATION

There are plenty of accommodation options in and around Hastings, Napier and surrounding areas (which includes the towns of Waipukurau and Havelock North) – all within a relatively easy commuting range of an approximately half hour drive from the Mitre 10 Sports Park, Hastings and Park Island in Napier.

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 link. <https://events.mygameday.app/event/2025tfroadchampsnzssaa>

Officials are asked to email Sharee Jones – 1nurse69@gmail.com, if you require any information regarding officiating.

Volunteers are asked to email Zoe Rutherford - zoemrutherford@gmail.com if you have any volunteers that would like to help us out for the duration or part of the champs.

The LOC is endeavouring to gain funding to offset the accommodation costs for officials from out of town. This is yet to be approved but we have booked rooms at both the Avery Lodge at the Sports Park and Kennedy Park resort, these will mostly be twin share rooms. Those wishing to stay in Officials accommodation should indicate on the Officials Portal or contact Sharee Jones – 1nurse69@gmail.com

TEE SHIRTS

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

These will be available for purchase online.

Ngā mihi nui

Sharee Jones

LOC Convenor

