



New Zealand Secondary Schools
Athletics Association



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

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

NEWSLETTER # 2

13th October 2025

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

Welcome to the second 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, Percival Road, Hastings** and being completed at approximately **5.00pm on Sunday 7th December**.

The Road Race Championships will be held at Park Island, Taradale, Napier **on Sunday from 8.00 am - 11.00 am**.

MAPS WILL BE UPLOADED IN THE NEAR FUTURE

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

TIMELINE

- **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 **9 am 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, Taradale, Napier
- **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 31 December 2025 (born in 2010, 2011)
- Senior - Under 20 as at 31 December 2025 (born in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009)
- Year 9 Road Race only - Runners must be in Year 9 and under 15 as at 31 December 2025 (born on or after 1 January 2011). A runner can compete in the Year 9 race once only.
- Para Athletes – As for Year 9 (Road Race Only). Junior – Under 17 (born on or after 1 January 2009). Senior as above except the senior age for ORS funded students is under 22 on 31 December 2025.
Contact oe@nzssaa.org.nz to enter over 20 years of age athletes.

AFFILIATION

The Association collects school affiliation fees with entries. Schools that did not have competitors at the Cross-Country Championships in Palmerston North 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



ENTRIES and ENTRY PROCEDURES for Team Managers/Sports Coordinators

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**.

The person responsible for entries confirms that all the athletes have been informed that they allow NZSSAA to

a) publish 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. By registering for the Championships athletes give their permission

b) 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)

c) 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 <https://nzsportcollective.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/CHARTER-ON-THE-BROADCAST-AND-SPONSORSHIP-OF-SECONDARY-SCHOOL-SPORT.pdf>)

Details of how to do the entries is outlined clearly in the [Entry Information](#) document at the link on www.nzssaa.org.nz

DO NOT BE LATE with your entries.

After 17th November further entries will only be added with the approval of the online entries administrator. Late entries will only be accepted **if a) there has been a genuine error or accepted reason**, b) they do not create an extra heat or round, or c) 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 Wednesday 3rd December.**

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 will accept scratchings on the forms available at the **Technical Information Centre** up to **ninety (90) minutes** prior to the **start time of the event**. 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 2nd December** 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 athlete's 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 2nd December and scratchings will have to be made at the Technical Information Centre when the athlete/s arrive at the venue.

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 provided to managers.

PARA ATHLETE INFORMATION

Information concerning Para Athlete classification is posted separately on the NZSSAA website. This includes 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 10th November** at the latest.

RELAYS

This year there will be both a mixed 4x100m and 4x400m on the programme.

The order for the running of these relays will be:

- **4 x 100m** – Girl, Girl, Boy, Boy
- **4 x 400m** – Boy, Girl, Boy, Girl

ROAD RACE VENUE

The Road Race is to be held at Park Island, Taradale, Napier and is run totally within the grounds. See maps on NZSSAA event page.

The course is 15k from the Athletic Track. Most parking will be in the main carpark at the park. There are three carparks available throughout the morning with car park three being unable to enter after the start of the first race.

It is planned that the **Para athletes** will start at the time of each Junior race. Race referee may determine any adjustment like a wave start for safety reasons. A final decision on the start will be made by the Referee once entries close and advised in the next newsletter.

OFFICIALS

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:: [2025 NZSSAA Track and Field & Road Race Champs - Officials Registration Form](#)

The Officials Co-ordinator is Sharee Jones, If you have any queries, please contact her on – athleticshbg@gmail.com

The LOC has gained funding to offset the accommodation costs for officials from out of town. Sixty beds have been booked at the Graeme Avery House at the Sports Park (twin beds per room with shared bathroom facilities per hub) and further accommodation has been booked at Kennedy Park resort for couples. Those wishing to stay in Officials accommodation should indicate on the Officials Portal or contact Sharee Jones at the above email.

For officials needing to be picked up from the airport, please contact Sharee with a pick up time and date needed so we can arrange pick up times around those coming in at the same time.

There will also be a minivan available for use at both accommodation locations to be shared as needed by officials.

VOLUNTEERS

As with any major athletic meet we always require volunteers. If you think you may be in a position to help out for any part of the two and half days, please contact our volunteer co-ordinator – Zoe Rutherford - zoemrutherford@gmail.com with your availability.

FOOD COURT

There are Food Caravans and coffee cars on site in the food court just inside the main gates for teams traveling and competing onsite.

There is also a cafe within the Mitre 10 Sports Park complex

ATHLETE FOOTWEAR COMPLIANCE

As per World Athletic guidelines there will be spot check of competition spikes and shoes over the weekend, please check the World Athletic website for the list of approved athletic shoes.

Please ensure that all your athletes check their competition footwear prior to the meet.

Here is the link to the compliance list - <https://certcheck.worldathletics.org/FullList>

Athletes who break NZSS records will have their footwear checked as part of the record ratification process.

ELIGIBILITY and MEDALS

MEDALS for HESSA, and INTERNATIONAL (VISITORS)

All home schooled and international athletes (students in schools outside NZ) will be recognised with visitor medals, alongside the regular three podium medallists.

SPECTATOR ADMISSION

\$5 for Friday Afternoon, \$10 for Saturday or Sunday. School Age and pre-school children free.

CHAMPIONSHIPS MERCHANDISE -Tee Shirts

Merchandise items for sale will include Tee Shirts, Hoodies and Rugby Jersey and other merchandise will be available for purchase from NZSSAA partner SAS and details will be posted separately on the NZSSAA website.

Ngā mihi nui

Sharee Jones
LOC Convenor