



New Zealand Secondary
Schools
31st Cross Country
Championships
Dunedin, 19 June 2004



Newsletter No. 1

Term One 2004

To: ALL NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Welcome to the 31st New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships. The Organising Committee invites your school to enter this year's event.

Date: Saturday 19 June 2004

Event Organisers

Otago Secondary Schools Athletic Association in conjunction with Bayfield High School as your host school, Athletics Otago Cross Country Committee and the New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Association Executive.

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Course

Wingatui Racecourse, Mosgiel (a map will be included with the next mailing).

Functions

- Managers meeting – Otago Boys' High School Auditorium, Arthur Street, Dunedin.
- Prizegiving / presentations – Wingatui complex.
- Athletes function – Otago Polytechnic Student Centre.

Programme

Friday 18 June

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| 3.00-5.00pm | Course viewing at Wingatui Racecourse. |
| 7.30-8.15pm | Managers meeting in the Otago Boys' High School Auditorium, Dunedin. Registration packs available. |

Saturday 19 June

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| 9.30am | Registration |
| 10.00am | Course Opens |
| 11.00am | Year 9 Girls |
| 11.30am | Year 9 Boys |
| 12.00 Noon | Junior Girls |
| 12.30pm | Athletics New Zealand Senior Women |
| 1.00pm | Junior Boys |
| 1.30pm | Senior Girls |
| 2.00pm | Athletics New Zealand Senior Men |
| 2.30pm | Senior Boys |
| 4.30pm | Prizegiving |
| 7.30pm | Athletes social |
| 7.30pm | Managers social |

Age Groups

- **Year 9 Girls / Boys** – Year 9 students only. Must be under 15 years as at 31 December 2004. An athlete can only run in the Year 9 race once.
- **Junior Girls / Boys** – Under 16 years as at 31 December 2004.
- **Senior Girls / Boys** – Under 19.5 years as at 31 December 2004.

Distances

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| Year 9 Girls | 3 km |
| Year 9 Boys | 3 km |
| Junior Girls | 3 km |
| Junior Boys | 4 km |
| Senior Girls | 4 km |
| Senior Boys | 6 km |
| Senior Men | 4 km |
| Senior Women | 4 km |

Team Membership

Schools with three to five finishers in any event will automatically be entered in the event's three-person teams competition.

Schools with six or more finishers in any event will automatically be entered in that event's three and six-person teams competition.

Participation and Affiliation to NZSSAA

Participation in these Championships is open to **any student in Year 9 or higher who attends a New Zealand Secondary School that holds current affiliation with the New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Association. (Year 7 and 8 students are not eligible to compete under any circumstances.)**

Affiliation forms were posted to schools in term one. For confirmation of affiliation or details of affiliation procedures, please contact the NZSSAA through the website www.nzssaa.org.nz.

Receipt of this newsletter does not confirm affiliation.

This event is sanctioned by the New Zealand Secondary Schools Sports Council.

Entries

Entries are to be made directly onto the NZSSAA website using the process followed at the previous two events. Faxed or telephone entries will not be accepted.

These details will be released with the second posting due early in term two 2004. All entries must be entered on the NZSSAA website www.nzssaa.org.nz on or before **9 June 2004**. Please diary your own entry date prior to that date now. The website will open for entries on 10 May 2004.

Entry fees will also be collected on the website. Instructions for this process will be on the website.

Late entries, together with a late fee of \$10.00 per athlete, and a maximum \$50.00 per school will be accepted until 14 June 2004. After that date no further entries will be accepted. **No late fee, no entry.** Late entry names will probably not appear in the official programme booklet.

Entry enquiries to oe@nzssaa.org.nz.

Entry Fees (as set by NZSSAA Executive)

The entry fee (GST inclusive) payable per athlete is \$10.00.

Accommodation

A list of accommodation options is posted on the NZSSAA website www.nzssaa.org.nz and is also attached. No accommodation or billeting is being organised by the Organising Committee.

School Numbers

The National Secondary School four letter code will be used for identification (refer to the Secondary Schools Sports Council Sports Directory 2004). All runners will be provided with their individual number to be worn during competition.

Championship T-shirts

Souvenir T-shirts and Dryfit tops will be available for purchase. Orders for these will be taken through the website in due course. Orders taken on the day will attract a \$5.00 surcharge to cover postage and handling.

Prices for these items will be \$20.00 for the T-shirt, and \$35.00 for the Dryfit top.

Social Function

Tickets can be ordered for your athletes on the website when you place your entries. No alcohol, drugs or smoking is permitted at the function. Please make sure your athletes are aware of this. This is a policy of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Sports Council, and is particularly important if you have students 18 or 19 years of age attending the function. The price of this function is \$7.00. Ticket sales are limited.

Transport

Limited transport may be available from the airport. If you require assistance with transport from the airport to your accommodation, a form will be available with the next newsletter. A charge of \$5.00 per person per journey will apply. Shuttles usually cost \$15.00 and upwards per person.

Enquiries (other than entries)

These enquiries can be made to David Richmond and Alan Coldicott (contact details below), or to Lisa Garvin (Otago Regional Sports Director) at lisa@osssa.org.nz.

We look forward to your participation.

Yours faithfully

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