



New Balance 32nd New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships 2005

Newsletter Two

26th May 2005

To All New Zealand Secondary Schools:

Welcome to the 32nd New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships to be held for the third time in Wanganui. The Organising Committee invites your school to enter this year's event.

Date: Saturday 18th June 2005

Event Organisers

Wanganui Collegiate School with the help of Wanganui Harrier Club are running the New Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships on behalf of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Association. Run in conjunction with these championships are the Athletics New Zealand Short Course Cross Country Championships run by the Wanganui LOC on behalf of Athletics New Zealand.

The organising committee welcome you to Wanganui and to Wanganui Collegiate School.

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Accommodation

No accommodation or billeting is being organised by the Organising Committee. We regret that some schools have had problems finding accommodation in the city and while it is likely that many vacancies will occur close to the event it does not help schools who wish to finalise their arrangements. It should, in addition be noted that Palmerston North is less than one hour's drive from Wanganui and Marton is only 30 minutes away.

Course (see map)

The course will be run on the Collegiate School grounds utilising the undulating small golf course at the back of the School. The main circuit is 1400m and there is excellent viewing of just about the whole race.

3000m races (Year 9 Boys, Year 9 Girls, Junior U16 Girls)

From start to the golf course lap 470m

One special lap 650m

One full lap 1400m

Golf course lap to finish 460m

Total – 2990m

4000 metres races (Senior Girls, Junior U16 Boys)

Start to golf course lap 470m

Two short laps 1680m

One full lap 1400m

Course to finish 460m

Total – 4010m

6000 metres races (Senior Boys)

Start to golf course lap 470m

One short lap 840m

Three full laps 4200m

Golf course to finish 460m

Total – 5970m

Functions

- Technical Meeting (Managers Meeting) 10.00am, Saturday 18th June at Wanganui Collegiate School.
- Prize giving at 4.15pm. Venue to be announced.
- Athletes' Social 7.30pm and Managers' Social 7.30pm. Venues to be announced.

Programme of Events

Friday 17th June

3.00pm until 5.00pm

Course inspection and athlete pack collection at the Technical Information Centre (TIC) located at the IZARD Centre, Wanganui Collegiate School (closes 6.00pm).

Saturday 18th June

9.00am Registration Available at the TIC at the IZARD Centre

9.30am Course is open

10.00am Managers/Technical Meeting at the Prince Edward Auditorium, Wanganui Collegiate School

11.10am Year 9 Girls Race

11.35am Year 9 Boys Race

12.00 noon Junior U16 Girls

12.30pm Athletics New Zealand Senior Women Short Course Championship. NB: Different starts and finishes for NZ Short Course Races although the bulk of the race will be on the Golf Course circuit.

1.00pm Junior U16 Boys Race

1.30pm Senior Girls Race

2.00pm Athletics New Zealand Senior Men Short Course Championship

2.30pm Senior Boys Race

4.15pm Prize Giving - Wanganui Opera House

7.30pm Athletes' Social (venue to be announced)

7.30pm Managers' Social (venue to be announced)

Age Groups

Year 9 Girls/Boys is for Year 9 students only. All must be under 15 as at 31 December 2005. An athlete can only run in the Year 9 race once.

Junior Girls/Boys: Under 16 as at 31 December 2005

Senior Girls/Boys: Under 19.5 as at 31 December 2005

Team Size

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

Schools with six or more finishers in any event will automatically be entered in both the three person to score and the six person to score events.

Medals will be awarded to all scoring members in the leading three teams in both the three and six to score events.

Participation and Affiliation to NZSSAA

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

Entries

Entries close online Monday 6th June.

NZSSAA website: www.nzssaa.org.nz

Entry fees are collected on the website, where there are full instructions.

Entry enquiries to oe@nzssaa.org.nz

Athletes' Social

Price: \$7.00

Time: 7.30pm – 10.30pm

Conditions of Entry: All students to arrive by 8.00pm and will not be allowed to leave until 10.15pm. There will be no entry after 8.00pm and no door sales. There will be no refund of tickets.

There is a limit to the number that can attend and tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Full details of venue will be published on the 9th June Newsletter.

Managers' Social

Details will appear on the 9th June Newsletter.

T-Shirts

Championship t-shirts can be pre-ordered and will also be on sale at the venue. Those ordered at the venue will include a \$5.00 surcharge for posting.

The t-shirts include an unique design on the back with all the 32 venues that the cross country has been held at appearing with the three Wanganui dates highlighted. On the front, all the competing schools appear with a over-printed design. A sample will be posted on the website next week along with a t-shirt order form.

Costs

T-shirt: \$20.00

Dri-fit: \$35.00

School Numbers

The New Zealand Secondary Schools four letter code will be used for identification (refer to the New Zealand Schools Sports Council Directory 2005). All runners will be issued with an individual number which is to be worn at the competition.

Lunches

Wanganui Collegiate School can provide a nutritious lunch to competitors. The lunches are available at the School Dining Hall from noon until 3.00pm. As the Dining Hall is only 100 metres from the finish line this facility could be invaluable for teams after or before their race.

The cost is \$5.00 per lunch but needs to be pre-booked and pre-paid for.

Next Newsletter

The final Newsletter will be posted on the website Thursday 9th June 2005. It will include details concerning car parking, changing, other facilities and services as indicated.

We look forward to welcoming you back to Wanganui and hope that we will repeat the successes of the 1977 and 1991 events held in Wanganui.

Alec McNab (LOC Chairman)