

New Balance 33rd New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championship 2006

Newsletter One

To All New Zealand Secondary Schools:

Welcome to the New Balance 33rd New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships to be held in Tauranga at Waipuna Park. The organising committee invites your schools to enter this year's event.

Date: Saturday 17 June

Event Organisers

Tauranga Girls' and Boys' Colleges with the assistance of Mount Maunganui College and Tauranga Ramblers Club are hosting the New Balance New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships on behalf of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletic Association. Run in conjunction with this are the Athletics New Zealand Short Course Cross Country Championships.

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Course

Waipuna Park, Welcome Bay – Tauranga

Please see map.

Note the 4k and 6k are the only distances that use the yellow course on the first lap.

The 3k course includes the red and orange markings.

Functions

- Technical Meeting (Managers Meeting) 9.30am Saturday 17 June at Waipuna Park.
- Prize giving at 4.30pm Tauranga Girls' College Sports Hall
- Athletes function in evening. Tauranga Girls' College Hall
- Managers function will be in the adjoining staffroom

Programme of Events

Friday 16 June

Course inspection and race packs available at Waipuna Park 3.00 – 5.00pm

Saturday 17 June

9:00am	Registration available
9:30am	Managers Technical Meeting
10:15am	Notification of Substitutions and Grade Changes Close.
11:10am	Year 9 Girls Race
11:35am	Year 9 Boys Race
12:00pm	Junior Girls
12:30pm	Athletics NZ Senior Women Short Course Championship
1:00pm	Junior Boys
1:30pm	Senior Girls
2:00pm	Athletic NZ Senior Men Short Course Championship
2:30pm	Senior Boys
4:30pm	Prizegiving – Tauranga Girls' College Sports Hall

Age Groups

Year 9:	Year 9 students only. All must be under 15 as at 31 December 2006. An athlete can only run in the Year 9 race once.
Junior:	Under 16 as at 31 December 2006
Senior:	Under 19.5 as at 31 December 2006

Competitors may compete up a grade to make up numbers for Teams Titles. Year 9 may nominate to run in the Junior Race online. Juniors must initially enter in the Junior Grade online and Team Managers must then submit the Change of Grade on the Substitutions Form up until 10:15am on Saturday.

Competitors not previously entered may be substituted for someone who is unable to take part on the day without additional cost. This is to allow numbers to be maintained for Teams Titles. Substitutions must be from the same school and compete in the same grade.

Race Distance

Year 9 Boys 3km
Year 9 Girls 3km
Junior Girls 3km
Junior Boys 4km
Senior Girls 4km
Senior Boys 6km
Athletics NZ 4km

Team Size

Schools with three to five finishers in any event will automatically be entered in the three person teams' competition to score team points. Schools with six or more finishers in any event will automatically be entered in both the three and six person competition.

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 and holds a current affiliation with the New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletic Association. (Year 7 and 8 students are not eligible to compete under any circumstances)

The Affiliation Fee is being collected with the entries for this Championship and will be added to the invoice.

Timings and Notes

- Entries open online Tuesday 2 May
- Entries close online Midnight Wednesday 14 June
- NZSSAA website www.nzssaa.org.nz
- **Entry fees (\$10/athlete)** will also be collected on the website. Full instructions on the site.
- Read carefully the comment about invoicing.
- Entry enquires to oe@nzssa.org.nz
- Newsletter 2 will be posted on our website – week beginning May 8 May.

- The final Newsletter will be posted on our website – Wednesday 7 June.
- Information regarding t-shirts will be in the next Newsletter.

Accommodation

No accommodation or billeting is being organised by the Committee. However, there are a number of Motels in the close vicinity of the Course and Colleges. You would be strongly advised to organise this immediately.

Competition Numbers

Each competitor will be issued with an individual number, which must be worn at the front of the vest at all times during competition.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to Tauranga in June.

Disco

There will be a function for the athletes following the day's events

- Venue – Tauranga Girls' College Hall
- Price \$7.00
- Time 7:30 – 11:00
- Soft drinks available to purchase
- All students to arrive by 8:15. There will be no entry after this time and no door sales

Managers are invited to attend a function and enjoy the hospitality of Tauranga Schools. This will be held in the Tauranga Girls' College staffroom.

Tee Shirts

Championship Tee-shirts can be pre-ordered online in your school's entry pages. Girls' style and sizes are Powder Blue. The Boys' (Unisex style) Tee-shirts are black. Fabric is the very popular dri-fit. They are very good value at \$30.00. There will be a small number available for sale at the venue.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to a beautiful city. Hope you get a little time to take in some of the sights and climb Mount Maunganui!

Rosemary Wright