

35th New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships 2008

Newsletter

To All New Zealand Secondary Schools:

Welcome to the 35th New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships to be held in New Plymouth at Francis Douglas Memorial College. The Organising Committee calls for entries from your school to this event.

Date: Saturday 21st June 2008

Event Organisers

The Local Organising Committee comprising of members of Athletics Taranaki are organising the Championships. The Host School for the Prize Giving and Socials is Francis Douglas Memorial College. The Prize Giving and Social Functions on Saturday after the event will be held at Francis Douglas Memorial College in Tukapa Street, New Plymouth. Francis Douglas Memorial College is not involved in the Entry Process or the Administration of the Championships. Please do not contact the College.

Course

The Course at Francis Douglas Memorial College will include a 1 km and a 2 km loop to accommodate the 3, 4, and 6 km race distances. The actual Course will be published prior to the event, however the exact setting up will depend on the ground conditions depending on rainfall in the preceding weeks. It is also possible that small changes to the course may also be made between races.

Functions

Technical Meeting (Managers' Meeting) 10.00am, Saturday 21st June at Francis Douglas Memorial College.

Prize Giving at 4.00pm in the Hall at Francis Douglas Memorial College.

An Athletes' Disco (7p.m. to 10-00p.m.) will be held in the Francis Douglas Memorial College Hall.

A Function for Team Managers and Officials will be held in the Francis Douglas Memorial College dining room.

Programme of Events

Friday 20th June

3.30pm until 5.00pm Team Manager Packs will be available at Francis Douglas Memorial College. An exact location at the School will be notified on the website announcements.

Saturday 21st June

9.00am Team Manager Packs Available

10.00am Managers' Technical Meeting

11.10am Year 9 Girls

11.35am Year 9 Boys

12.00noon Junior Girls

12.30pm Junior Boys

1.00pm Senior Girls

1.30pm Senior Boys

4.00pm Prize Giving in Francis Douglas Memorial College Hall.

Age Groups

Year 9 Year 9 students only. All must be under 15 as at 31 December 2008.

An athlete can only run in the Year 9 race once.

Junior Under 16 as at 31 December 2008.

Senior Under 19.5 as at 31 December 2008.

Race Distances

Year 9 Boys 3 km

Year 9 Girls 3 km

Junior Girls 3 km

Junior Boys 4 km

Senior Girls 4 km

Senior Boys 6 km

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 person and six person competitions.

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. Year 7 and 8 students are not eligible to compete under any circumstances. Affiliation with the New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletic Association is now invoiced as part of the entry process for the Championships.

The affiliation fee is currently \$36.00 incl. GST per school.

Entry Fees

The cost per individual entry is \$10.00, which includes the \$3.00 NZSSAA Travel Fund Levy. There will be a charge of \$2.00 per printed programme. Tickets to the Athletes' Disco will cost \$8.00. These may both be ordered and paid for with entries or purchased on the day.

Timings and Notes

Entries open online Monday 30th April

Entries close online at Midnight Wednesday 11th June

No Entries will be accepted after that time.

NZSSAA website www.nzssaa.org.nz

Entry enquiries, by email only, to oe@nzssaa.org.nz We are unable to accept phone calls or faxes.

Please be aware that the Athletes' Disco function is alcohol free and in accordance with the requirements of the organisers, all those attending may be breath tested prior to admission.

This is the only Newsletter. Other information will be posted as announcements on our website.

We will not be selling t-shirts for these Championships.

Accommodation

Some accommodation is available at Francis Douglas Memorial College Hostels.

Other local College Hostel accommodation may become available.

We direct you to the large number of Motels and other accommodation in the New Plymouth and greater Taranaki region via the Motel Association.

Food and Refreshments

A variety of Food and Refreshments will be available to purchase on the day of competition at Francis Douglas Memorial College.