



New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Association

36th New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships 2009

Newsletter

To All New Zealand Secondary Schools:

Welcome to the 36th New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships to be held at Saxton Field in Nelson.

The Organising Committee calls for entries from your school to this event.

Date: Saturday 20th June 2009

Event Organisers

The Local Organising Committee is comprised of members of Athletics Nelson, the Waimea Harriers, the Tasman Regional Sports Trust, and staff of the host school Nelson College for Girls. The Prize Giving and Socials will be held on Saturday after the event at Nelson College for Girls on Trafalgar and Bronte Streets. Nelson College for Girls is not involved in the entry process or the administration of the Championships. Please do not contact the College.

Course

The Saxton Field course is three kilometres over varying and mostly flat terrain and winds through open areas, tree-lined paths, a large mound, humps, gullies, street crossings, and hay bales. Year 9 girls and boys and junior girls will do one lap. Junior boys and senior girls will complete a 1km loop and do the 3km course. Senior boys will do two laps of the 3km course.

Directions and Parking

Saxton Field is located on Saxton Road East and along Main Road Stoke on the Nelson-Richmond border. Bus parking will be available at the designated parking lot at the far end of Saxton Road East. Parking for all other vehicles will be available **only** on lots accessible via the designated entry ways off Main Road Stoke.

Functions

- Technical Meeting (Managers' Meeting) 10.00am, Saturday 20th of June at the new soccer pavilion by the main football field at Saxton Field.
- Prize Giving at 4.30pm at Nelson College for Girls school hall.
- An Athletes' Disco (7.30p.m. to 10-30p.m.) also will be held in the school hall.
- A Function for Team Managers and Officials will be held at the school.

Programme of Events

Friday 19th June

3.30pm until 5.30pm Team Manager Packs will be available at the new soccer pavilion at Saxton Field. The course will be available for inspection from 2 pm.

Saturday 20th June

9.00am Team Manager Packs Available at new soccer pavilion

10.00am Managers' Technical Meeting at new soccer pavilion

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

4.30pm Prize Giving in Nelson College for Girls Hall

Age Groups

All athletes must have turned 13 prior to 31 December 2009

Year 9 students only. All must be under 15 as at 31 December 2009. An athlete can only run in the Year 9 race once.

Junior Under 16 as at 31 December 2009.

Senior Under 19.5 as at 31 December 2009.

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 \$15.00, which includes the \$5.00 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.

Entry Procedures

Entries open online Wednesday 29th April

Entries close online at Midnight Friday 12th June

Do not be late with your entries.

After June 12 any further entries are added only with the approval of the online entries administrator and the Chairperson of the LOC. Late entries are to be emailed to oe@nzssaa.org.nz and there will be a charge of \$10 per late entry added to a schools online account. Late entries will only be accepted **if there has been a genuine error or problem.**

Go to the NZSSAA website www.nzssaa.org.nz and click on <http://robo.co.nz/o/nzssxc2009/>. A login prompt will be presented to your browser. Enter your assigned username and password to proceed into the system. Please fill in your team information first before making your entries. If you do not have the schools username and password check with your principal who should be holding a copy of it. If necessary email oe@nzssaa.org.nz for the information using your principals school email address.

Your entries are complete when you have chosen a payment option and produced an invoice. There are three options for payment. The first is by school or personal credit card. The second is by direct crediting the nzssaa bank account and the third is to send a cheque. Please note that you can now add additional entries yourself even though you may have already generated an invoice or paid. Enter your additional athletes and pay for them accordingly.

Entry enquiries are to be by email only to oe@nzssaa.org.nz please

Disco

The athletes' disco will be held from 7:30 pm until 10:30 pm in the Nelson College for Girls School Hall. Tickets will be available on-line. Look for details on the website.

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.

T-shirts

T-shirts will be available for purchase on-line, and there will be a very limited supply for sale at the meet. Look for an order form on the website in the near future.

Accommodation

Saxton Field is located on the border of Nelson and Richmond and a large number of motels are within 10 minutes drive to the course. The closest motels and holiday parks are in the Tahunanui area and near the Richmond city centre. The closest motels to Nelson College for Girls are along Rutherford Street and near the Nelson city centre.

Food and Refreshments

Food and refreshments will be on sale on the course at the new soccer pavilion.

Check the NZSSAA website for further announcements

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

We look forward to welcoming you to Nelson for this exciting event and hope that you all have an enjoyable and rewarding time.

Greg Lautenslager
Chairman LOC
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