



**New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Association**

## **38<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships 2011.**

### **Newsletter**

To All New Zealand Secondary Schools:

Welcome to the 38th New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships to be held in the Tinwald Domain, Ashburton.

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

**Date: Saturday 18 June 2011**

#### **Event Organisers**

The Local Organising Committee is comprised of staff of the host school Ashburton College, members of Ashburton Harrier Club, and Sport Mid-Canterbury. The Prize Giving will be held at 4.00pm in the Ashburton Trust Event Centre, 211 Wills St. The Local Organising Committee will host a Disco to be held at The Hotel Ashburton from 7.30 – 10.30pm. The cost of attending the Disco is \$10.00 per student. Tickets must be purchased and paid for with entries.

Ashburton College is not involved in the entry process or the administration of the Championships. Please do not contact the college. Register on line.

#### **Course**

The Tinwald Domain course is two kilometres over flat terrain, in a picturesque environment. There is one creek to cross on each lap. In addition, there is a 1km lap for Year 9 girls and boys, and junior girls, which precedes the 2km lap. Junior boys and senior girls will complete two laps of the 2km course. Senior boys will run three laps of the 2km course. AWD runners will compete over two laps of the 1km course or may enter into and compete with their age group in the non disabled races.

It is recommended that all runners wear footwear. The course is likely to offer firm underfoot conditions and is suitable for spiked shoes. Athletes who do not wear shoes or are not able to attach the timing chip to their shoe will need to collect an ankle tie from the Race Control table.

Runners compete at their own risk.

#### **Directions and Parking**

The Tinwald Domain is located on Maronan Road, near the southern approach to Tinwald. From State highway one, turn west, crossing the railway line opposite the Tinwald Sale Yards. The Tinwald Domain is 300m up Maronan Road. You are asked to park in the designated parking areas on the left, opposite the domain. You are requested not to park on the road side or in the Tinwald Domain. The two parking areas are shown on the map. Buses are asked to park in the designated area furthest away

from the course as the surface is shingle as opposed to grass. There is ample parking for buses and private vehicles. Travel time from Christchurch (north) and Timaru (south) is approximately one hour.

## Functions

- There will be no managers' meeting preceding the event. However, there will be a Technical Desk to answer any queries, adjacent to the managers pack collection point located in the Marquee.
- Prize Giving to be held 4.00pm at the Ashburton Trust Event Centre.
- Athletes Disco 7.30pm, at the Hotel Ashburton
- Team managers and officials function 7.30pm Gallery Lounge, Hotel Ashburton.

## Programme of Events

### Friday 17 June

3.30pm - 5.30pm Team Manager Packs will be available in the Marquee at the race venue. The course will be available for inspection from 2.00pm.

### Saturday 18 June

9.00am	Team Manager Packs available in the marquee
10.30am	AWD Combined Disability/ Girls and Boys
11.00am	Year 9 Girls
11.30am	Year 9 Boys
12. noon	Junior Girls
12.30pm	Junior Boys
1.00pm	Senior Girls
1.30pm	Senior Boys
4.00pm	Prize Giving at Ashburton Trust Event Centre
7.30pm-10.30pm	Disco at Hotel Ashburton, Racecourse Road
7.30pm	Managers and officials function, Gallery Lounge, Hotel Ashburton

## Age Groups

All runners must have turned 13 prior to 31 December 2011

**AWD** - Under 22 as at 31 December 2011. (To enter runners who are over the senior age limit email their details to [oe@nzssaa.org.nz](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz) .)

**Year 9** - Runners must be under 15 as at 31 December 2011. (A runner can compete in the Year 9 race once only.)

**Junior** - Under 16 as at 31 December 2011.

**Senior** - Under 19.5 as at 31 December 2011.

## Race Distances

AWD	2 km
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

## **Participation and Affiliation to NZSSAA**

Participation in these Championships is open to any student Year 9 or above 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 Athletics Association is invoiced as part of the entry process for the Championships. Athletes with a Disability (AWD) participation is encouraged and athletes wishing to compete can choose 1 of 2 entry options, either the 2km AWD combined disability, girls and boys race or entry into the non disabled races with their AWD category and placing being identified. The AWD categories being contested are: CP, AMP/Other, VI and ID.

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

### **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 except for the programmes included in the managers packs.

Tickets to the Disco will cost \$10.00 per student. These must be ordered and paid for with entries.

## **Entry Procedures for Team Managers/Sports Co-ordinators**

**Entries open online Monday 2 May**

**Entries close online at Midnight Thursday 9 June**

**Do not be late with your entries.**

After June 9 any further entries are added only with the approval of the online entries administrator. Late entries are to be emailed to [oe@nzssaa.org.nz](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz) and there will be a charge of \$10 per late entry added to a schools online account.

Go to the NZSSAA website [www.nzssaa.org.nz](http://www.nzssaa.org.nz) and click on <http://robo.co.nz/o/nzssxc2011/>. 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](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz) for the information.

Your entries are complete when you have chosen a payment option, produced an invoice and paid. There are two options for payment. The first is by **school or personal credit card**. The second is by direct crediting the **NZSSAA Entries** bank account **12-3150-0174691-00**. Please note that you can add additional entries yourself up until entries close even though you may have already generated an invoice or paid. Enter your additional athletes and pay for them accordingly.

**Payment by cheque is no longer an option except for a late payment when the cheque is handed directly to the race organisers at the championships in order to uplift your competition numbers.**

Please note: Athletes will not appear in the confirmed entries list or the programme and will not be able to compete until entry fees have been confirmed as having been paid.

Entry enquiries are to be by email only to [oe@nzssaa.org.nz](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz) please

## **T shirts**

T shirts will be available for purchase using the order form on the website. **Orders must be received by Monday 23 May.** Please note this is earlier than in past years. There will be no T shirts sales on the day of the championships, but mail orders will be taken and will include a postage charge. Payment must be included with your order and sent direct to the address shown on the order form.

## **Accommodation**

Accommodation available in Mid Canterbury can be found on the NZSSAA website. Be aware that some motels may be booked as a result of the Christchurch earthquake. You are advised to make your reservations early.

## **Location**

Tinwald Domain is located 4km south of central Ashburton. Tinwald is situated 87km south of Christchurch and a similar distance north of Timaru.

## **Food and Refreshments**

Food and refreshments will be on sale at the course.

## **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 Ashburton for this exciting event and hope that you all have an enjoyable and rewarding time.

Trevor Cochrane  
Chairman LOC