



New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Association

39th New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships 2012.

Newsletter #1

To All New Zealand Secondary Schools:

Welcome to the 39th New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships to be held on the grounds of Saint Kentigern College.

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

Date: Saturday 16 June 2012

Event Organisers

The Local Organising Committee is comprised of staff of the host schools Saint Kentigern College, Howick College, members of Pakuranga Athletics Club, and College Sport Auckland. The Prize Giving will be held at 3.00pm in the Saint Kentigern College gymnasium, at the venue.

None of the above schools or organisations is involved in the entry process or the administration of the Championships. Please if you do have any queries please email collette@collegesport.co.nz . You must register online through the NZSSAA website: www.nzssaa.org.nz

Course

The Saint Kentigern course is two kilometres over rolling terrain with a couple of steeper inclines. The course will be soft and the ground heavy going with the possibility of some really muddy sections. 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

Saint Kentigerns College is located on Pakuranga Highway. There is a carpark on site which holds 220 cars. Once the carpark is full you will be asked to park on Marine Parade which is at the Northern entrance to the college.

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 College Sport Tent.
- Prize Giving to be held 3.00pm in the Saint Kentigern College Sports Centre.

Programme of Events

Friday 15 June

4.00pm - 5.30pm Team Manager Packs will be available in College Sport Tent at the race venue. The course will be available for inspection from 4.00pm due to the finishing of the school.

Saturday 18 June

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| 8.30am | Team Manager Packs available in the marquee |
| 10.00am | AWD Combined Disability/ Girls and Boys |
| 10.30am | Year 9 Girls |
| 11.00am | Year 9 Boys |
| 11.30am | Junior Girls |
| 12.noon | Junior Boys |
| 12.30pm | Senior Girls |
| 1.00pm | Senior Boys |
| 3.00pm | Prize Giving Saint Kentigern College Sports Centre |

Age Groups

All runners must have turned 13 prior to 31 December 2012

AWD - Under 22 as at 31 December 2012. (To enter runners who are over the senior age limit email their details to oe@nzssaa.org.nz .)

Year 9 - Runners must be under 15 as at 31 December 2012. (A runner can compete in the Year 9 race once only.)

Junior - Under 16 as at 31 December 2012.

Senior - Under 19.5 as at 31 December 2012.

Race Distances

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| 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.

Entry Procedures for Team Managers/Sports Co-ordinators

Entries open online Monday 30 April

Entries close online at Midnight Thursday 7 June

Do not be late with your entries.

After June 7 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 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 and click on <http://robo.co.nz/o/nzssxc2012/>. 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.

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 please

T shirts

T shirts will be available for purchase using the order form on the website. **Orders must be received by Friday 8 June.** 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 could be available in East Auckland and can be sourced by the internet. You are advised to book early.

Location

Saint Kentigern College is located on the Pakuranga Highway, Pakuranga, Auckland.

See map for location and driving instruction in the next newsletter in May 2012

Food and Refreshments

Food and refreshments will be on sale at the course from the school tuck shop.

A coffee van will also be on location.

Check the NZSSAA website for further announcements

Newsletter # 2 will be sent out and online during week Two of Term 2 with updates and maps for the course and School Location. Other information will be posted as announcements on our website

We look forward to welcoming you to Saint Kentigern College, Auckland for this exciting event and hope that you all have an enjoyable and rewarding time.

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