



New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Association

42nd New Zealand Secondary Schools

Cross Country Championships 2015

Gladfield Golf Course, Dunedin

Saturday 20th June

Newsletter #1

To All New Zealand Secondary Schools

We are very excited to be hosting you all at the 42nd New Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships that will be held at the Gladfield Golf Course, East Taieri, Dunedin on **Saturday 20th June 2015**.

We are delighted to have Perpetual Guardian as our naming right sponsor for this event – they are very supportive of Secondary School Sport in Otago and have been involved with many other events over the years.

The organising committee would like to call upon entries from your school to take part in this national event.

Event Organisers:

The local organising committee is comprised of representatives from:

- Otago Secondary Schools Sports Association (OSSSA)
- Athletics Otago
- Athletics Otago Cross Country Committee
- Kaikorai Valley High School
- South Otago High School
- Bayfield High School
- King's High School
- Sport Otago

The local organising committee is NOT involved in the entry process. You must register your athletes online through the NZSSAA website: www.nzssaa.org.nz



Course:



More information about the course will be sent out in the next newsletter.

Location and Parking:

Gladfield Golf course is located at East Taieri, south of Dunedin city. It is just off the main road on the way from the Dunedin Airport heading towards Mosgiel and Dunedin. Just 10 minutes drive to Mosgiel and 20 minutes drive to Dunedin city centre.



Age Groups:

All runners MUST have turned/be turning 13 prior to the 31st December 2015

- Year 9** Runners must be under 15 as at the 31st December 2015 (born on or after 1st January 2001)
(A runner can compete in the year 9 race once only)
- Junior** Under 16 as at 31st December 2015 (born on or after 1st January 2000)
- Senior** Under 20 as at 31st December 2015 (born between 1st January 1996 and 31st December 1999)
- Para Athletes** As for Junior and Senior above except the Senior age for ORS funded students is under 22 on 31 December 2015. Contact oe@nzssaa.org.nz to enter over 20 years of age athletes.

Programme of Events:

Friday 19th June

- 1pm – 5pm Course open for inspection (please do not come to the course before 1pm)
- 1pm – 5pm Managers packs are available for collection at the designated area at the race venue. Packs will only be issued to Team Managers and NOT individual athletes.

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- 8.30am Course opens for inspection. Managers pack available for collection
- 8.45am – 9.15am Managers Meeting – Gladfield Golf Club Rooms
- 10.00am PA Combined Disability/Girls and Boys - 2km
- 10.30am Year 9 Girls – 3km
- 11.00am Year 9 Boys – 3km
- 11.30am Junior Girls – 3km
- 12noon Junior Boys – 4km
- 12.30pm Senior Girls – 4km
- 1.00pm Senior Boys – 6km
- 4.00pm Prize giving – TBC
- 7.00pm – 10.00pm Athletes Disco/Manager Function – TBC



Participation and Affiliation to NZSSAA:

Participation in the 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.

Para Athletes participation is encouraged and athletes wishing to compete can chose 1 of 2 entry options:

- 1) 2km PA girls and boys combined impairment race
- 2) Entry into the non-impaired races with their PA and non-impairment placing's being identified

PA competitors can contribute to team's results in the non-impaired races. Medals and certificates will be awarded to Junior Boys/Girls and Senior Boys/Girls place getters in the combined impairment race and in all grades in the non-impaired races.

Entry Procedures (Team Managers/Sports Coordinators):

- **Entries open online Monday 18 May**
- **Entries close online at midnight Friday 12 June**
- **Do NOT be late with your entries**

After 12 June any further entries will need to be approved by the online entries administrator before they are added. Late entries are to be emailed to oe@nzssaa.org.nz. There will be a charge of \$10 per late entry added to the schools online account.

Entry Instructions:

- 1) Go to the NZSSAA website www.nzssaa.org.nz and click on <http://entries.co.nz/o/nzssxc2015>
- 2) A login prompt will be presented to your browser. Enter your assigned username and password to proceed into the system
- 3) Please fill in your school 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 to request your information.

Affiliation Fee \$36.00 inc. GST per school, payable with online entries

Entry Fees \$15.00 inc. GST per athlete, which includes the \$5.00 NZSSAA Travel Fund Levy

Your entries are complete when you have chosen a payment option, produced an invoice and paid.

There are two payment options:

- 1) by **school or personal credit card**
- 2) **Direct crediting** into 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. Simply 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 competitor 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.

All entry enquires are to be emailed ONLY to oe@nzssaa.org.nz please.

Event merchandise:

Event merchandise (T-shirts and Hoodies) will be available to order online through Uptown Art. We ask that merchandise orders are submitted as a group order via the school. We do not want individual athletes ordering their own merchandise.

A direct link to the order form along with the design and additional information will be sent out in the next newsletter.

Accommodation:

The LOC has been working with the Dunedin I-Site to find the easiest possible way for schools to book accommodation in Dunedin for this event.

The I-Site is willing to assist schools with their bookings. All you need to do is contact them via email, visitor centre@dcc.govt.nz with the subject 'SS Sports June' and they will work with you to find suitable accommodation.

One option that the I-Site has outside of motels/hotels etc. is the Accommodation & Conference Centre at Mosgiel.

This comprises a four level tower block with two male and female floors and several twin rooms, all with shared bathroom facilities.

Single with continental breakfast \$70pp

Twin and Double en suites \$100 for up to two pax. extra person in triple rooms \$25.00 bed and breakfast.

If interested in the above then contact the Dunedin I-Site, visitor centre@dcc.govt.nz



Food and Refreshments:

Limited food and refreshments will be on sale at the course. A coffee van may also be available.

Programmes:

Managers will receive one or more complementary programmes in their manager pack, based on the number of entries.

Programmes will not be printed for individual athletes, however these will be available online.

Limited additional programmes may be available for sale.

Check the NZSSAA website for future announcements...

Newsletter #2 will be uploaded online in May with further updates, maps and location for prize giving and athlete disco/manager function.

Other information will be posted as announcements on the NZSSAA website.

An event Facebook page will be created closer to the time and the link will be provided in the next newsletter.

We look forward to hosting you in Dunedin and hope that this fantastic event creates many lasting memories for all involved.

If you have any questions regarding the entries please email oe@nzssaa.org.nz

For general enquires please email nicole@osssa.org.nz

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