



**New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Association  
43rd New Zealand Secondary Schools  
Cross Country Championships  
Agrodome, Lower A&P Oval, Rotorua  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016  
Newsletter #3**

To all athletes, managers and coaches,

We are now just five days away from the start of the 2016 Podium NZ Secondary Schools X-Country Champs. We can't wait to see you all in Rotorua!

**Topics included in this final newsletter #3:**

1. Event venue access – **VERY IMPORTANT** MUST READ FOR ALL MANAGERS & SUPPORTERS
2. The non-championship event you kids won't want to miss! Sheep Herding at Agrodome
3. **IMPORTANT** change to Friday registration packet pick up venue
4. Saturday night athlete's social
5. Saturday night team manager's function
6. Event photography
7. Offer for schools from Pita Pit Rotorua
8. Offer for schools from Expandesign including make your own support sign for the kids!
9. Key contacts

**- PLEASE READ THIS FIRST - VERY IMPORTANT – EVENT VENUE ACCESS**

**THERE WILL BE NO PARKING AVAILABLE FOR TEAMS, INDIVIDUALS OR SUPPORTERS FOR EVENT PURPOSES WITHIN THE MAIN AGRODOME TOURISM SITE. ANYONE PARKING IN HERE RISKS HAVING THEIR VEHICLE TOWED.**

With upwards of 1,000 competitors and 2,000 supporters now expected, it is vital that teams, individuals and supporters understand the following important parking information that follows as there will be a high volume of traffic accessing the venue throughout the event.

**PARKING INSTRUCTIONS:** School vans and buses need to park through Gate 8 off Western Road (this is just past the main Agrodome entrance on the right hand side if coming off SH5 or on the left hand side if coming up Western Road from Ngongataha). This entrance will be sign posted and marshalled by event staff. From this parking area the entrance to the A&P Oval is a short walk directly across the



bridge. NOTE: IF GATE 8 PARKING REACHES CAPACITY OVERFLOW WILL BE INTO GATE 5 OFF WESTERN ROAD AS BELOW OR ON THE SIDE OF WESTERN ROAD TOWARDS NGONGATAHA.

Parking for other vehicles will be through Gate 5 in the paddocks on the northern side of Western Road (this is on the left hand side opposite the main Agrodome entrance if coming off SH5 or on the right hand side past Gate 8 if coming up Western Road from Ngongataha). This entrance will be sign posted and marshalled by event staff. From this parking area, the entrance to the A&P Oval is a short walk across Western Road at the designated crossing point and into Agrodome on a coned and sign posted pedestrian lane on the left hand side, across a bridge, then left through the shearing sheds and wood chopping arena to the A&P Oval. FOR SAFETY REASONS - WE ASK THAT ALL PEOPLE USING THE GATE 5 PARKING AREA WALK ON THE MARKED & CONED PATHWAY ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE INTO AGRODOME NOT ALONG WESTERN ROAD THROUGH GATE 8.

#### ACCESS ON FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

GATE 8 PARKING FOR SCHOOL VANS & BUSES WILL OPEN FROM **12.45PM** READY FOR THE COURSE INSPECTION COMMENCING AT **1.00PM**. **DO NOT COME EARLIER AS PARKING ACCESS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.**

GATE 5 PARKING FOR OTHER SUPPORTER VEHICLES WILL OPEN FROM **12.45PM**. **DO NOT COME EARLIER AS PARKING ACCESS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.**

#### ACCESS ON SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

GATE 8 PARKING FOR SCHOOL VANS & BUSES WILL OPEN FROM **8.15AM**. **DO NOT COME EARLIER AS PARKING ACCESS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.**

GATE 5 PARKING FOR OTHER SUPPORTER VEHICLES WILL OPEN FROM **8.15AM**. **DO NOT COME EARLIER AS PARKING ACCESS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.**

#### ACCESS ON SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

GATE 8 PARKING FOR SCHOOL VANS & BUSES WILL OPEN FROM **7.45AM**. **DO NOT COME EARLIER AS PARKING ACCESS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.**

GATE 5 PARKING FOR OTHER SUPPORTER VEHICLES WILL OPEN FROM **7.45AM**. **DO NOT COME EARLIER AS PARKING ACCESS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.**

#### COMPETING SCHOOLS HERE'S THE NON-CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT THAT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

Last month we launched the very cool secondary schools x-country team sheep herding event to be staged from 3.30pm this Friday at the main Agrodome site. We currently only have one school team entered so if the event is to go ahead we need at least nine more school teams entered by **12.00pm this Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. Please email [jason.cameron@rotorualc.nz](mailto:jason.cameron@rotorualc.nz) to enter your school team. Each team should be made up of three girls and three boys from any age group. We will be selecting ten schools to compete with a representation from both north and south islands.



## IMPORTANT CHANGE TO FRIDAY REGISTRATION PACKET PICK UP VENUE

Friday registration will now take place from **1.00pm to 8.00pm at the all new Podium Podiatry & Footwear retail store located at no 1266 Tutanekai St in the central city** (Store contact for any queries is 021 530 830). Take the opportunity to have a team meal in the city or get your supermarket supplies and register. Team managers can only collect team packets not athletes. Event merchandise purchased by schools will be available for collection. **Saturday registration will still be in the Barn venue next to the A&P Oval from 8.30am on Saturday morning and 8.00am on Sunday morning.**

## SATURDAY NIGHT ATHLETE'S SOCIAL

A large turnout is expected for this much anticipated event from 7pm to 10pm being organised by Rotorua Girls High School basketball team. This is expected to be a memorable night for the kids in Unison 3 in the Rotorua Energy Events Centre (where the awards ceremony happens three hours earlier) with lots of excitement and activity with a professional DJ, photo booth, catering shop and disco lighting. Venue security and parental supervision will be in place throughout the function. Purchase social tickets via online entries [oe@nzssaa.org.nz](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz) up until 5pm Wednesday June 15 and after that at registration.

## SATURDAY NIGHT TEAM MANAGER'S FUNCTION

There will also be a function for all team managers, teachers and coaches at the Holiday Inn Rotorua, 10 Tryon St, Whakarewarewa in the Chapmans Restaurant lobby area from 7.30pm Saturday evening. Entry is free. Meal options available and the 2<sup>nd</sup> All Blacks Test vs. Wales will be available. Join the organising team for a catch up and a drink after the first big day of racing.

## EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY

Official event photographers for the event are leading running event photographers. [Check them out here](#). "Photos4sale are proud to introduce PWYW\* athlete photography to the Podium NZ Secondary Schools X-Country Champs 2016. You decide what your event photos are worth to you! This exciting initiative is made possible by the honesty of our customers... Thank You!" Allan Ure, Photos4Sale \*Pay what you want. Trust based, customer set pricing.

## PITA PIT ROTORUA OFFERING

Pita Pit has put together a great deal for competitors and supporters of the Podium New Zealand Secondary Schools X-Country Championships. For just \$10 you can order a delicious healthy Regular sized Pita, together with a Cookie. For orders of 10 or more we can arrange delivery within Rotorua to either the event or to your accommodation. Or you can drop by the store and mention this offer. Watch out for your Entry Packs for a flier which will explain how to order in more details.

If you want to arrange an order before the Packs are distributed, simply contact Phil Haines at Pita Pit Rotorua on 02102559283 or [rotorua@franchise.pitapit.co.nz](mailto:rotorua@franchise.pitapit.co.nz)



## EXPANDASIGN

Expandasign will be at the A&P Oval this Friday with a special promotion to allow athletes and supporters to customise their very own messaged sign to encourage their team members. Look out for them near the start/finish area from 1.00pm.

With almost 20 years of operation behind them, Expandasign has built up a reputation as the leading portable event signage company in New Zealand. Located in Rotorua, Expandasign is pleased to be appointed the Preferred Signage Supplier for the NZSSAA 2016 Cross Country Championships. To celebrate this partnership, Expandasign are offering our participating schools some great portable signage offers.

[Check them out here.](#)

## KEY CONTACTS

If you have any queries relating to entries please email [oe@nzssaa.org.nz](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz).

For general enquiries about the event please email either [jason.cameron@rotorualc.nz](mailto:jason.cameron@rotorualc.nz) or [christine.hutchison@rotorualc.nz](mailto:christine.hutchison@rotorualc.nz). Please note: emails to these addresses will be responded to up to Wednesday 5.00pm this week. After this time please have your queries dealt with on Friday from 1.00pm-5.00pm and then from 8.30am on Saturday morning at the information desk on the A&P Oval.

Travel safe,

Jason Cameron

For Podium New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships 2016



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