



**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 #2**

To all athletes, managers and coaches,

We are now a little over five weeks away from the 43<sup>rd</sup> New Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships at the A & P Oval, Agrodome, Rotorua on the weekend of **Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 June 2016**. There is important updated information in this second newsletter so please read carefully with online entries opening this week.



					
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## Topics included in newsletter #2:

1. Online entries open this Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May at [www.nzssaa.org.nz](http://www.nzssaa.org.nz)
2. Entry procedure
3. Course update incl. jumps and elevation profile
4. Accommodation at Holiday Inn Rotorua
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## Online Entries Opening

The wait is nearly over! Online entries open this *Monday 16 May* at [www.nzssaa.org.nz](http://www.nzssaa.org.nz). Refer to specific information on participation, affiliation to NZSSAA, Para Athletes (PA) and age groups in newsletter #1.

## Entry procedure (Team Managers/Sports Coordinators)

- **Entries open online: Monday 16 May**
- **Entries close online at: midnight Friday 10 June**
- **Do NOT be late with your entries**

After **10 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](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz). There will be a charge of \$10 per late entry added to the schools online account.

### Early entry instructions:

- 1) Go to the NZSSAA website [www.nzssaa.org.nz](http://www.nzssaa.org.nz) and click on <http://entries.co.nz/o/nzssxc2016>.
- 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](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz) to request your information.

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

Entry Fees \$15.00 incl. 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 event organisers at the championships in order to uplift your athlete's 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](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz) please.**

### **Course Update**

There will be two log jumps of approx. 0.66-0.75m in height located on the course. One of these will be positioned on the 1km lap and one on the 2km lap. An elevation profile for each of the 1km and 2km laps is now on the website. The final course outline map will be published on the website ten days out from the event.

### **Accommodation at Holiday Inn Rotorua**

The Holiday Inn, Rotorua have been appointed as the preferred hotel partner to the Championships.

Conveniently located on the edge of the spectacular Redwood forest, overlooking Whakarewarewa Geothermal Reserve, Holiday Inn Rotorua is the perfect hotel from which to enjoy the Championships and explore this spectacular region.

Please see the link below to the booking page for the event or call reservations

\$149 incl. GST and Breakfast for 2 people in a standard room,

\$169 incl. GST and Breakfast for 2 people in a Superior room

Book your accommodation [here](#)

### **Athletes' social & team manager's function**

A Hawaiian themed athlete's social will be staged in Unison 3 (the same venue as the Saturday awards ceremony) from 7pm to 10pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June. The social is being organised by Rotorua Girls High School as a fundraiser for their Hawaiian basketball tour and will feature special event lighting, a professional DJ, a photo booth and refreshments shop. There will also be lots of prizes to be won on the night. Tickets are now available for purchase by team managers via the on line entries system <http://entries.co.nz/o/nzssxc2016> in the Merchandise section. To make this event a success - support it by purchasing your tickets early.



## Event merchandise now available to order

Check out the funky range of official event merchandise now available for purchase at Podium Podiatry's online shop [here](#) or check out the schools order form online at [www.nzssaa.org.nz](http://www.nzssaa.org.nz). Bulk school orders can also be done through the Podium Podiatry online shop.

## Agrodome athlete's sheep herding event

We are very excited to announce there will be an athlete's sheep herding event on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June from 3.30pm to 4.30pm at Agrodome next to the A&P Oval. There will be some fantastic prizes for the top three teams. We are now calling for expressions of interest for schools wishing to enter a team made up of three girls and three boys from any age group. Please email [jason.cameron@rotorualc.nz](mailto:jason.cameron@rotorualc.nz). We will be selecting ten schools to compete with a representation from both north and south islands.



### Human Sheep Dog Trial

Team must coax the group of sheep through the obstacles and gates, over the bridge and finally into the pen. Team strategy and patience is essential to achieve a good time in this challenge. Points will be scored for teamwork and time taken to complete this challenge.

We also encourage all schools to come and watch this exciting event as part of the weekend in Rotorua!

## Area for schools to place marquees, tents

There will be a designated area to the left of the finish line where schools can place their tents and marquees. The Agrodome's Barn venue in the registration venue is also located close to the A&P Oval and will be signposted for use by athletes and teams on the weekend.

## NZ Secondary Schools Regional X-Country Relay Championships

The inaugural NZ regional x-country relay championships will take place on the morning of Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at the lower A&P Oval at Agrodome. This will utilise the 2km lap from the main Championship course. To make this event a success we encourage all athletes and supporters to plan to be at this exciting debut event. **Regional team managers will be able to enter their teams and their athletes in lap running order plus reserves on line from June 6. The entry fee per team will be \$30.**

## Sponsors offers

**Pita Pit Rotorua** will be offering a great deal for all participants attending the 2016 Podium NZ Secondary School Cross Country Championships. Pita Pit provides a healthy and nutritious quick service meal option to help refuel your athletes and their supporters after a big day out running. A special offer for participating schools will be communicated in our final newsletter and shortly through the event Facebook page. Keep an eye out for it!





## Event photography

Official event photographers for the event are leading running event photographers [www.photos4sale.co.nz](http://www.photos4sale.co.nz). "Photos4sale are proud to introduce PWYW\* athlete photography to the Podium NZ Secondary Schools Cross 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.

## Key contacts again

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

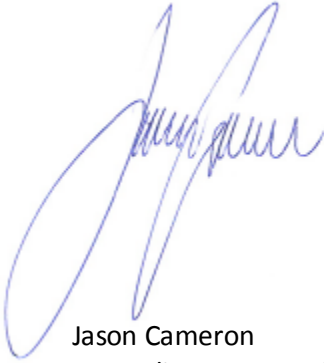
For general enquiries about the event please email either [jason.cameron@rotorualc.nz](mailto:jason.cameron@rotorualc.nz) or [christine.hutchison@rotorualc.nz](mailto:christine.hutchison@rotorualc.nz).

## Next newsletter

The final newsletter and course map will be published ten days out from the event.

We look forward to welcoming you to Rotorua next month. Prepare well!

Yours in Running,



Jason Cameron

For Podium New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships 2016

