



NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS and INTERPROVINCIAL CROSS COUNTRY RELAY

Trentham Memorial Park, Upper Hutt
Saturday June 20th and Sunday 21st 2026

Principals Authority

To gain access to the entry forms in your school's portal, the person responsible will need to type in the **Username** and then the **Password** for your school/kura. These must be kept secure. By passing this information to that person we will deem that the Principal has given their authority to make the entries from their school/kura and confirms the athletes meet all eligibility requirements.

ENTRY INFORMATION

All runners must have turned 13 prior to 31st December 2026.

Year 9: Athletes must be in Year 9 and under age 15 as at 31st December 2026 (born on or after 1st January 2012). An athlete may compete in the Year 9 race only once.

Junior: Athletes must be under age 16 as at 31st December 2026 (born on or after 1st January 2011).

Senior: Athletes must be under age 20 as at 31st December 2026 (born between 1st January 2007 and 31st December 2010). NB: The NZSSAA Executive have introduced a new U/17 grade (born on or after 1st January 2010) for individuals only. Medals will be presented to the first three U/17 athletes to finish. They can also win Senior medals and they count towards the Senior Teams competitions.

Para: Athletes must be in Year 9 and under age 15 as at 31st December 2026 (born on or after 1st January 2012), Juniors must be under age 17 as at 31st December 2026 (born on or after 1st January 2010) and Seniors must be under age 20 as at 31st December 2026 (born between 1st January 2007 and 31st December 2010) except ORS funded athletes can be Under age 22 as at 31st December 2026 (born on or after 1 January 2005).

Schools with ORS funded Para athletes aged 20-21 who wish to enter, should email their details to:

oe@nzssaa.org.nz

Participation and Affiliation

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. Affiliation with New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletic Association is invoiced as part of the entry process for the Championships.

School Sport NZ Eligibility and Regulations

Please refer to these links prior to entering your athletes.

[School Sport New Zealand - Eligibility & Regulations \(schoolsportnz.org.nz\)](https://schoolsportnz.org.nz)

Entry Procedures for Team Managers/Sports Coordinators

The entry procedures for Team Managers and Sports Coordinators are as follows:

- Entries open online on Monday 4th May 2026
- Entries close online at midnight on Wednesday 10th June 2026.



Please DO NOT be late with your entries. From the 10th June, any additional 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 \$10.00 per entry added to the school's online entries account (\$45.00 per athlete).

To enter your school's athletes, go to the NZSSAA website (www.nzssaa.org.nz) and click on online entries (<https://entries.co.nz/o/nzssxc2026/>) A login prompt will be presented to your browser. Enter your assigned username and password to proceed into the system. Please fill in your school information first before completing your entries. If you do not have your school's username and password, check with your Principal who should be holding a copy. If you still cannot access the site, then email (oe@nzssaa.org.nz) for the information.

FEES

NZSSAA Affiliation Fee:

The annual affiliation fee to NZSSAA is \$55.00 (including GST) *per school payable* with online entries.

Entry Fees:

The entry fee is **\$35.00** (including GST) per athlete.

There is no additional entry fee for the Inter-regional Teams Relay representatives on Day 2.

Your entries are complete when you have chosen a payment option, produced an invoice and paid. There is only one option for payment:

- Direct crediting the NZSSAA bank account: 12-3150-0174691-00.

When payment has been received and receipted, a copy of the school's receipt is available in the payment section of online entries to print off if required.

Please note: Additional entries can be added until entries close even though you may have already generated an invoice or paid. Enter your additional athletes and pay for them accordingly.

Athlete entries will appear in the public *Received Entries List* but will show as unpaid until payment has been receipted. Entry enquiries are to be by email only to oe@nzssaa.org.nz

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Online Entries Administrator