

Newsletter Two

NZSSAA CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS and INTERPROVINCIAL CROSS COUNTRY RELAY Trentham Memorial Park, Upper Hutt Saturday June 20th and Sunday 21st 2026

To All New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Leads,

EVENT UPDATES and REMINDERS:

Friday 19th June from 2pm – 5.00pm

Course inspection and Team pack collection from Trentham United Harriers Clubhouse, Event Information HUB (TIC), via Barton Road Entrance. Packs will only be issued to team managers and not individual athletes

- **Pre-ordered SAS Event Merchandise** will be available for pick up and Sales at the Clubhouse.

Saturday 20th June – Cross Country Championships

8:30am: Course open for inspection. Remaining managers' packs will be available for collection from the Trentham Harriers Clubhouse

10.30am: Racing commences. Individual medal presentations and top 10 certificates to be awarded on course in front of Trentham Harriers Clubhouse

4.00pm: Prizegiving at St Patricks Silverstream Auditorium, Fergusson Drive.

7.00pm: Deadline for Final Online Relay Team submissions

Sunday 21st June morning – Regional Relay Championships

Any Sunday team changes must be handed in at least 15 minutes before the first race (i.e. 8.30am) or 30 minutes before the second and third races (i.e. 8.55am for race 2 and 9.35am for race 3).

Teams must be submitted in order on the forms provided in the Regional Team Managers Packs

COURSE UPDATES

- The course map update is available on the NZSSA website.
- Saturday's course for each 1km and 2km lap will have two stream crossings
- Each 2km lap will have one steeplechase hurdle set at the low height
- It is recommended that athletes will require **9mm - 12mm spikes**

TRAVEL & PARKING

Travel times from Wellington City CBD area can vary especially on a Saturday. They can be in excess of 40 minutes. We would advise you leave with plenty of time.

Trains are available on the Upper Hutt line to either Heretaunga or Trentham stations but please check schedules on Metlink.

The Trentham Memorial Park course can be accessed via either the Barton Road or Brentwood Street entrances. The carpark at the end of Barton Road has limited parking and is likely to fill up early.

Once the carpark is full, officials at the entrance to the carpark will be directing you to park on Barton Road / Barton Ave, (*please park safely and take care of driveways and sections frontages*) or directing you to the Brentwood Street entrance (*over 100+ parks available there with similar walk to start*). The walk from the Brentwood Street carpark to the start / finish is 400m. Let the parking officials know if you need to come into the Barton Road carpark to drop off a tent/gazebo. Parking is also available on Fergusson Drive, which will be a 10-minute walk to the course.

Buses should not come into the carparks and should look to park on Fergusson Drive or Brentwood Street.

There are other events in the vicinity – including a Park Run between 8.00 and 9.00am on Saturday, and

limited football and rugby matches on sections of the park which will clear. There will be congestion at certain times, but carparks should be turning over regularly.

MARQUEES, SCHOOL TENTS/GAZEBOS

Marquees at the Start finish area will be allocated as the gear drop zone for Boys and Girls pre-race for when athletes are called to the start zone and to be collected post event.

Schools' gazebos/tents can be placed parallel hard alongside the low wooden fenceline by the Barton Road car park or parallel in front of the Trentham Sports Trust Cricket building (cream concrete block building).

TOILETS

There are toilet blocks near the Trentham Clubhouse and by the Brentwood Street carpark. There are portaloos near the start-finish area.

REFRESHMENTS

Athletes should bring their own water and specialist snacks. Vendors will be available with Coffee and the Indo Plus Food Truck plus a sausage sizzle

NOTICES

We strongly recommend that you **regularly check the NZSSAA website and Facebook pages** for further announcements. The website will carry the links for the Livestream link, Results and an Event programme

Coaches, managers, athletes, parents and supporters are encouraged to Like and Follow the [NZ Secondary School Athletics Association](#) Facebook page.

Ngā mihi nui

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