

NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION
Pacific Schools Games, Melbourne
26 November 2005 to 4 December 2005

Information Sheet and Nomination Form

The NZSSAA Executive has agreed to select a team to compete at the Pacific Schools Games. We have been concerned about the timing of this event and the clash with NCEA and Scholarship examinations but have decided that most athletes are likely to have completed their assessment programme and would be available to take part if the opportunity was given. Entries close in early September so a prompt response to the invitation to nominate athletes is essential.

Before completing and submitting this form please consider the following points:

- You must be a bona fide school student
- You must be in the correct age group:
 - 15/16 years born in 1990/1989
 - 17/18/19 years born in 1988, 1987, 1986
 - AWD 14/15/16 born in 1991, 1990, 1989
 - AWD 17/18/19 born in 1988, 1987, 1986There may be a problem entering AWD athletes as entries officially closed in July. We will have to make a special case and may not be successful.
- Check the Examination timetable to see there are no examinations on that you have entered into during the above dates (these dates include travelling time). The NZSSAA Executive wish to stress that athletes should put their academic programme requirements ahead of the opportunity to compete at these games and that we are selecting a team for the majority of athletes who will have completed their assessment requirements.
- The cost is likely to be in the vicinity of \$1400 including travel, accommodation, food and uniform. We will seek funding to assist with this but may not be successful so you need to be prepared to pay this amount.
- Selection will be based on the following guidelines and requirements:
 - A. Performances achieved at the North and South Island Sec. School Championships, April 2005
Performances achieved at the Regional Schools' championships, March 2005
Performances achieved at NZSSAA New Balance Championships, December 2004
Performances achieved at Athletics NZ/Australia or IAAF championships 2005
If you do not have a high placing at any of the above do not submit a nomination. Other supporting performances can be supplied providing at least one of the above criteria are met.
 - B. The best team mix to meet the requirements of competition eg a maximum of 13 female athletes and 13 male athletes per grade. The ability to back up with a strong second or third event will be important rather than just single event achievement.
Please note that there is no 400, 1500m, steeplechase, 100 or 300m Hurdles available in the individual events. There is a 200m hurdles available so interested 100/110m and 300/400m hurdlers are invited to make a case for inclusion in the team.
In the relay events the maximum distance run is 800m and every competitor in the individual events must be able to compete in one track or field relay on day 5 of competition.
 - C. Nominations must be received by **August 26 2005**.
 - D. You must include passport details (number / nationality) if you have a passport as we need this for online entries. If you do not have a passport please apply for one now. If you are selected you will also need to have a digital passport size photo that we can email to Australia for accreditation purposes.
 - E. The selectors' decision as ratified by the NZSSAA executive will be final.

Visit the website at www.pacificschoolsgames.edu.au to inform yourself about the games.

Nomination Form

Name:

Address:

Phone numbers:.....

Email:

School:

Passport number:..... Passport Nationality:

Age at 31 December 2005: Date of birth:

Gender:.....

Principal's verification: Name:

Signature:

Performance Details

A. North Island/South Island Secondary School Championships 2005

Grade:

Events	Placing	Performance

B. Regional Secondary School championships Date:

Location: Grade:

Events	Placing	Performance

C. NZSSAA New Balance Championships, December 2004, Hamilton

Grade:

Events	Placing	Performance

D. Athletics NZ/Australia/IAAF Championships Date:

Location: Grade:

Events	Placing	Performance

E. Other performances of note. Please list providing Date, Location, Event, Grade, Placing and Performance. These details must be verified by an athletics official such as your teacher in charge of athletics or your club chairperson or secretary and their contact details must be included.

This information must be posted to Pacific Schools Games Track & Field Selectors, c/- John Tylden, PO Box 7014, Hamilton before **August 26 2005**.

Team Managers/ Coaches

NZSSAA will be appointing between 4-6 manager/coaches to accompany the team from among teachers who are involved in coaching and managing secondary school age athletes. If you are interested in applying please send your athletics cv to me at the above address by August 26.

John Tylden
Chairman NZSSAA