Dear Sportfit Co-ordinators

#### Inclusion of Athletes with a Disability into the South Island Secondary School Athletics Championships

This year the South Island Secondary Schools Athletics (SISSA) will be held in Nelson on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of March. As the Sport Opportunity Officer for the Tasman Regional Sports Trust my role is to make provisions for the inclusion of athletes with disabilities.

The SISSA Committee have decided to trial the inclusion of events for athletes with disabilities this year. This is a new initiative that will be trailed for the first time.

There will be three new categories included into the event:

AWDWCAthletes with Disabilities – WheelchairAWDPDAthletes with Disabilities – Physical DisabilitiesAWDIDAthletes with Disabilities – Intellectual Disabilities

We are introducing the following events: Track: 100m, 200m and 400m Field: Shotput, Discus and Javelin

Because Nelson does not have an all weather track there will be no track events for the AWDWC category.

For field event AWDWC will be competing in a separate sector due to the need for tying the wheelchairs down. AWDPD and AWDID will compete with appropriate age groups.

If you have students with disabilities that compete in athletics this is their chance to represent their school in sport. Athletes should have competed in their school and regional athletic championships before attending the SISSA.

This is an exciting new initiative which we are looking for support form South Island Schools for because events are dependent on three competitors per event.

To enter an athlete with disability please complete the attached form and return it to me at Sport Tasman by Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of March. An expression of interest would be greatly appreciated before the 24<sup>th</sup>.

For more assistance either contact me at the below address or you local Sport Opportunity Officer based at your local Sports Trust.

Yours sincerely

Justin Muschamp Sport Opportunity Officer TASMAN REGIONAL SPORTS TRUST

#### **Entry Form**

## **South Island Secondary School Athletics**

## **Athletes with Disabilities**

# Nelson 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2003

Athlete Name:	
School:	
School Contact:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Category	AWDWC / AWDPD / AWDID Please circle
Events / Results:	(Track)
	(Field)
Return to:	Justin Muschamp Sport Opportunity Officer Tasman Regional Sports Trust PO Box 1302 NELSON Phone: (03) 546 – 7910 Fax: (03) 546 – 3300 Email: justin@mar.sporttasman.org.nz