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SOUTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

Information One

- DATE:** Saturday 5th April – Sunday 6th April
- TIME:** Commencing at 9.00am each day (please note 6th April is end of daylight savings)
- VENUE:** Aorangi Park, Timaru
- ENTRY:** Entries will be received on-line from 9am **Monday 17th March** through until **closure at 5pm on Monday 31st March**. Aoraki, Canterbury, West Coast and Tasman entries must be entered by regional selectors only. Otago and Southland entries will be received from individual schools. This applies to ParaAthletes/AWD entries as well.

Note, regional allocations for the events are:

Region	Entries per event	Entries per 300m Hurdles
Aoraki	3	2
Canterbury	5	2
Otago/Southland	5	2
Tasman	2	1
Westcoast	1	1

Disabled Athlete Grades, Categories and Classification changes

There have been changes developed for Para-Athletics (previously AWD) events this year, as a pilot for full implementation in 2015. There will be two age grades, junior and senior, and two divisions, Intellectually Impaired Athletes, and Physically and/or Visually Impaired Athletes.

All entrants must apply for a Provisional Classification from Paralympics N.Z. to be eligible to compete. If you already have a Paralympics Provisional or Full Classification for athletics you do not need to re-apply.

Physically and/or Visually Impaired athletes consist of 5 classification groups: Visually impaired, Short Stature, Cerebral Palsy, Amputees /Others, and Wheelchair user. All will compete together with results being calculated as a percentage of the world record for their Paralympic classifications.

Further information on these changes is on our website <http://www.schoolsportaoraki.co.nz/> along with the **Provisional Classification forms** which can be downloaded, filled out and **must reach Paralympics N.Z. before the deadline of 14th March.**

N.B. waiting to see if you are selected for the SISSAC team before applying for Provisional Classification is too late! Do it at the time you enter your regional champs.

SCRATCHINGS: Any scratchings made after on-line entries close, should be handed in at the Managers Meeting on the Friday evening or by 8.30am on the Saturday morning, for those not in Timaru on the Friday night.

Scratchings made at this time must be scratchings from all events, individual event scratchings are not permitted at this stage.

COST: The cost for this event will be **\$6 per athlete.**

At the gate a gold coin donation would be appreciated on the Saturday.

MANAGERS MEETING:

This has been scheduled for **6.00 pm** on Friday 4th April in the **Aorangi Cricket Pavilion** – situated at the entrance to the Athletics Track. This will be followed by the AGM of the South Island Secondary Schools Athletic Association.

PROGRAMMES: Day sheets showing up to date lane draws will be published on Friday evening after the Managers meeting, for Saturday competition, and Saturday evening for Sunday competition. Track competitors will be required to report to the Marshalls tent at least 15 minutes prior to their event or when called over the PA system – Field competitors report direct to event 15 minutes before start time.

These will be available on the noticeboard outside of the control room.

PROGRAMME: A copy of the order of events is available on our website. A confirmed programme will be available from Wednesday 2nd April, this will also be emailed to schools via regional sports directors after entries close. We will wait until the 2nd of April in an attempt to make the programme as accurate as possible.

Some copies of the printed programme will be available to schools at the Managers Meeting.

ORGANISATIONAL TIMELINE:

February 24th Monday

Preliminary information and the order of events posted on the websites www.schoolsportaoraki.org.nz www.nzssaa.org.nz and NZSSSC website www.nzsssc.org.nz and has been emailed to schools via Regional Sports Directors.

March 4th Monday

Information 2 emailed to Schools via Local Sports Directors and posted on the following websites. School sport Aoraki, NZ Secondary School Athletics and the NZ Secondary School Sport Council.

- ❖ Contains managers and athlete information
- ❖ Scratching Form
- ❖ Online entry information
- ❖ Records

March 14th Friday

Classifications for Para-Athletes due at Paralympics New Zealand.

March 17th Monday

On-line entry system available

March 24th Monday

Remits for AGM close 3.00pm

March 31st Monday

On line Entries close at 5.00pm

April 4th Friday

Managers Meeting **6.00pm.**
Aorangi Park, Timaru
Managers Pack distributed.
Late scratchings notified
AGM of SI Athletic Teachers Association

April 5th Saturday

Officials meeting 8am

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Championships Commence at 9:00am

April 6th Sunday

Championships Concluded at Midday