

Southland Secondary School Athletics Championships Annual Meeting 2023

Date Friday 31st March 2023

Time 6.30pm

Venue ILT Stadium Lounge 4

Present: Bill Grogan (Canterbury School Sport), Fiona Ward & Sheena Smith (Southland Secondary School Sport), Anita Sutherland (St Andrews), Glen Ward (NZSSAA), John Gamblin (St Bedes/NZSSAA), Melissa Brooks (Rangi Ruru), Sandra Pooch & Bill Boyd (Burnside High School), Geoff Steyn (Milton Grange)

Apologies: Ann Dick, Jacqui Restueaxu

Bill thanked Fiona & team for her organisation of this years event & we look forward to a good weekend.

Agenda

- **Previous minutes from 2021**
Matters arising - correction to list of records as event 698 listed twice - Eliza Meekings Burnside. Nelson hosting venue has become void as they now have a pole vault pit. Moved by Sandra Pooch move seconded Bill Grogan.
- **Correspondence** – email from John Tildon on behalf of working group looking into hurdles, copy shared with all attendees.
- **2021 Event report** – Bill gave a verbal report of the event that was hosted in Christchurch, last minute change of date due to Athletics NZ change of event affected by COVID, entry numbers good, programme reconstructed to fit Friday afternoon/night & Saturday. Good support from Canterbury Centre & officials.
- **Remit** – discussion held around the below hurdle recommendations – adjustments to short hurdles height & distance. Effects U14 & U15 athletes primarily – possible new 200m event included. A significant cost would be involved to all centres due to the purchase of new hurdles.

Alan Tuckers views shared. Issue with young hurdlers not doing it well. John Gamblin moved to leave on the table for one year & see what North Island decide seconded by Anita Sutherland.

Anita Sutherland put the motion forward that the South Island Athletics adopt a 200m hurdles grade that is available for U16 athletes (that U14 & U15 athletes can compete in) from 2024. Seconded John Gamblin Passed & adopted for 2024.

Strongly discussed with good reasoning.

That SISSA adopt the recommendations of the Athletics NZ Hurdles Working Group in regard to the Hurdles Specifications that apply (or could apply) to our Championships. WBOP

This changes our Junior Girls hurdles to 80m from 70m with an increased spacing from 7m to 7.5m but is less than the 8m spacing used in Childrens Athletics. The Junior Boys 80m hurdles remains the same distance and height but the spacing is reduced to 7.5m.

Long hurdles are provided for Juniors over 200m rather than over 300m. Currently our long hurdles are 300m for Under 16 hurdlers.

The hurdles distances and heights are as follows:

Children & ANZ Grade	School Grade	Distance / Height	Run in	Flights	Spacing	Run out
Girls Short Hurdles						
G12, G13	U14 (NISS, SISS)	80m / .686	12m	8	7.5m	15.5m
Boys Short Hurdles						
B12, B13	U14 (NISS, SISS)	80m / .762	12m	8	7.5m	15.5m
Girls Long Hurdles						
G12, G13	U14 (NISS, SISS)	200m / .686	20m	5	35m	40m
Boys Long Hurdles						
B12, B13	U14 (NISS, SISS)	200m / .686	20m	5	35m	40m

Notes:

1. Recommended changes to existing specifications are highlighted in yellow.
2. While these recommendations start at Grade 10 (not shown above), it is highly desirable to have younger athletes learning to hurdle over lower heights and shorter distances.
3. Where Centres/tracks do not have hurdles that lower to .686, then the closest height to it, .762 or less, can be used. Hopefully, those Centres will become appropriately equipped over time.
4. New track markings will be required for the 80mH with 7.5m spacings.

5. The 200mH is recommended for U14 athletes at regional schools and NISS/SISS Championships as an introduction to the longer hurdles. While the traditional 200H has 10 flights, either 5 or 10 flights are currently being used by Centres offering the event. Five flights is suggested as a starting point, if the event is to be added to the NISS and SISS programmes.

- **SISS Athletics Records to be Ratified from 2021**

• Event 48	U19 Girls Shot Put	Tapenisa Havea	STAC	17.27m
• Event 63	U15 Boys Discus	Armani Lemalu	CHCO	53.07m
• Event 64	U15 Girls Discus	Alexa Duff	COLU	38.58m
• Event 68	U19 Girls Discus	Tapenisa Havea	STAC	50.27m
• Event 87	U19 Boys Long Jump	Quinn Hartley	JHAR	6.99m
• Event 101	U14 Boys 100m	Manaia Lesa	OBHS	11.98
• Event 156	U16 Girls 1500m	Kiera Hall	RRGS	4.40.76
• Event 651	U14 Boys Hammer	Jake Hibbert	LOGA	33.48m
• Event 693	U16 Boys Pole Vault	Luke Moffit	OBHS	3.40m

Records have been updated & shared. Discussion around event 101 if the prelims time of 11.82 was recorded as the record, on checking records this time has been recorded on the records sheet but not in meet manager, to be corrected. Bill Grogan moved the ratification for the 2021 records Bill Boyd seconded.

- **General Business**

Para Records – 13 bettered the listed time on the para spreadsheet – to check with Raylene. Glen advised the performance will be related back to age & classification. Bill will update & share with schools.

Bill Grogan mentioned the possibility of having a 3rd heat available in the boys & girls U14 & U15 100m going forward. This is to be at the discretion of the host region. Seconded by John Gamblin.

- **2024 Championships** – discussion around hosting venues going forward. 2024 Timaru - could be a query as they are hosting Nationals in the same year. Date to be confirmed, likely in tournament week again.

2025 Nelson

2026 Christchurch

2027 Dunedin

2028 Timaru
2029 Nelson
2030 Invercargill

Meeting closed 7.05pm