

South Island Secondary Schools Athletics Championships

Information Newsletter

Date: Friday 05th April – Sunday 07th April 2024

Venue: Trust Aoraki Athletics Track

Time: Friday 1pm -5pm, Saturday 9am – 5pm, Sunday 9am -1pm

Entry: Entries will be received online from 9am Monday 18th March through until 5pm Monday 1st April 2024. An online entry link will be sent out closer to entries opening.

Aoraki, Canterbury, West Coast and Tasman entries must be entered by regional selectors only. Otago and Southland entries will be received from individual schools who will confirm athlete entries online.

Number of events athletes can enter in for SISS are as follows:

FOUR individual events OR THREE individual events plus a 4x100m relay.

The 4x400m relays do not count as any of the above events.

Athletes can do this on top of the above

Scratchings: Any scratching's made after on-line entries close, should be: emailed to amanda.everett@sportcanterbury.org.nz before 1pm on Thursday 04th April or, handed in at the start of the managers meeting on Friday evening or by 8.30am on Saturday morning, for those not in attendance on Friday night on the form **attached**.

Please note the Championship policy which states that **any scratchings made after online entries close must be from ALL EVENTS**.

Individual event scratching's at this stage are not permitted.

Regional selectors only will send to Aoraki Secondary Schools Sport collated dispensation lists so a reminder to submit any dispensations to your local RSD by 4pm Friday 22nd March.

Cost: There will be an entry fee of \$10 per athlete to be invoiced to your school following the meet. Athletes who withdraw from the meet without following scratching protocols will also pay the entry fee. There will be **NO** gate charge for this event.

Managers & AGM Meetings: This has been scheduled for 6:00pm Friday 05th April in the Aorangi Park Pavilion, 70 Morgans Road, Glenwood. See the **attached Aorangi Park map** for more access info. This will be followed by the AGM of the South Island Athletics Teachers Association at approx. 6:30pm. A reminder **remits** are due on Friday 22nd March. **Agenda & Minutes attached**. For the Managers' meeting, all managers are requested to sign in your attendance on arrival, hand in scratching's and receive any updated information. This applies for those arriving on Saturday morning also.

Programmes: A copy of the **order of events** is **attached** with this information document. This will also be published on the Aoraki Secondary Schools website and NZSSAA early in February.

<http://www.schoolsportaoraki.co.nz>

<https://nzssaa.org.nz/>

A **named programme** will be available shortly after entries close. Due to this being Easter Monday and schools being closed on the Tuesday, we will send this out on the Tuesday but do expect some changes on Wednesday.

The named programme will also be posted on the Aoraki Secondary Schools Sport website.

This year there **will not be a printed version** of the programme so schools will be required to download and print off the programme from the website.

There will be copies of the **final timed programme** to be picked up at the managers' meeting.

Specifications: A copy of the **specifications**, implement weights etc. is **attached** and will be posted on the Aoraki Secondary Schools Sport website.

PARA Athletes: Grades, Categories and Classification - There will be two age grades Under 16 and Under 21, and two divisions, Intellectually Impaired Athletes, and Physically and/or Visually Impaired Athletes. All entrants must apply for a Provisional Classification from Paralympics NZ to be eligible to compete. If you already have a Paralympics Provisional or Full Classification, 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.

Provisional classification forms are to be submitted to the Classification Coordinator at Athletics New Zealand rebecca@athletics.org.nz who will verify impairment eligibility and allocate a "provisional" class and status for all PI, II and VI athletes. This must be done as soon as possible and no later than **1st March 2024**.

Classification forms for downloading and printing are available on the Aoraki Secondary Schools Sport website or on request from rebecca@athletics.org.nz

See **attached Para Athletics Information for NI & SI Secondary Schools Athletics** and **ANZ Para Implement Weights - 2023-2024**

Health & safety: A **Health and Safety Action plan and Risk Management plan** will be available on the Aoraki Secondary Schools Sport and NZSS websites from early February 2024.

All team managers to have a first aid kit for minor injuries. Medical support will be on site.

Dispensation Criteria: This information is sent to RSD'S to forward to schools. Schools must collate by 4pm on Friday 22nd March and forward to your RSD. Your RSD will then be sent onto Amanda (Aoraki Secondary Schools Sport) by Wednesday 27th March. **Dispensation form attached.**

Cellphones: Please note cellphones cannot be used in the competition arena. Use of a cellphone in the arena by an athlete will result in expulsion from the meet.

Merchandise: XCM Timaru have supported us to provide an event Hoodie and Tee for purchase.

Hoodies \$65

Tees \$35

Order form **attached**. Email orders on the attached form to southcanterbury@sportcanterbury.org.nz by Friday 05th April.

Refreshments: There will be some food options available at the venue, but please ensure athletes bring food etc. Only water is permitted on the track/field venues. We will have coffee, ice-creams, and BBQ food to purchase on site.

Shelter: School teams are welcome to bring tents, gazebos etc. These can be erected around the outside of the track on the top of the west grass bank only. Space may be limited. This will be on a first in best spot basis, no sitebookings will apply. Note: any structures left overnight are at your own risk. Ensure that any marquees, tents, or similar shelters are robust and securely pegged down in case of bad weather.

Marshalling: Marshalling for all events will occur at the event start (Track) and event venue (Field). All athletes must report no later than **10 minutes** before the scheduled start time.

Results: All results will be printed and displayed on results boards after each event and uploaded to the Aoraki Secondary Schools Sport website as soon as humanly possible.

Records: An updated copy of the records is **attached**.

Changing: All athletes are encouraged to arrive in athletic uniform and tracksuits. There are no designated changing rooms.

Parking: There is plenty of parking available in Aorangi Park. The **attached Aorangi Park map** outlines the parking available. Please note that Aorangi Park is a ring road one-way system with one entry point and one exit point.

Relay Confirmation: Team Managers are required to confirm to the control room, relay entries and thenames of runners no later than **1.00pm** on Saturday 6th April for those grades with 4x100m heatsand for all other teams by 9.30am on Sunday 7th April.

First Aid: Medical support will be available during the meet, schools are also expected

to have their own First Aid supplies and Ice for minor injuries.

Officials:

We are grateful for the support of our local and visiting officials for this event 😊
Additional support will be provided by local school personnel, and we are grateful for their support also.

Organisational Timeline:

Friday 02nd Feb Preliminary information distributed to RSD'S to forward to schools.

Friday 8th March Call for remits to AGM

Monday 18th March Online entries OPEN 9am

Friday 22nd March Dispensation requests to be sent to your RSD by 4pm

Friday 22nd March Remits for AGM close

Wed 27th March Dispensation applications to be received by
amanda.everett@sportcanterbury.org.nz from RSD's.

Monday 01st April Online entries close 5pm

Thursday 04th April All scratchings to be sent in by 1pm to
amanda.everett@sportcanterbury.org.nz

Friday 05th April Trust Aoraki Track opens 12pm

Managers meeting 6:00pm Aorangi Park Pavilion- Late scratching's notified.
AGM meeting SI Athletics Teachers Association, 6:30pm

Saturday 05th April Championships commence at 9:00am
Events conclude at 5:00pm

Sunday 07th April Events commence at 9:00am
Championships conclude approx. 1pm