

# South Island Secondary Schools Athletics Championships

## Information Newsletter

**Date:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Venue:** Saxton Field Athletics Track

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

**Entry:** Entries will be received online from 9am Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March through until 5pm Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. 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 [anita.c@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:anita.c@sporttasman.org.nz) before 1pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Sport Tasman all collated dispensation lists so a reminder to submit any dispensations to your local RSD by 4pm Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> April in the Saxton Track Pavilion. See the **attached Saxton Field map** for more access information. 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Sport Tasman website and NZSSAA early in March.

[NZSSAA: Information for South Island Secondary Schools' Track & Field Championships 2025](#)

A **named programme** will be available shortly after entries close.

The named programme will also be posted on the Sport Tasman 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 Sport Tasman website.

**PARA Athletes:** Grades, Categories and Classification - For track and field events there will be 2 age groups for each classification, junior (under 17) and senior (17 and over) on 31 December in the year of competition. It is important to note that the students with a disability who are ORS funded are entitled to stay at secondary school until the age of 21. Students in this category who will be aged 20 years and over on the 31st December need to apply for entry to [oe@nzssaa.org.nz](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz).

Provisional classification forms are to be submitted to the Classification Coordinator at Athletics New Zealand [rebecca@athletics.org.nz](mailto: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 **14<sup>th</sup> of March 2025**.

Classification forms for downloading and printing are available on the NZSSAA website home page [NZSSAA: New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletic Association](#) in the Track, Field and Road Race Championships information section or on request from [rebecca@athletics.org.nz](mailto:rebecca@athletics.org.nz)

See **attached Para-Athletics Information for NI, SI Secondary School Athletics** for further information.

**Health & safety:** A **Health and Safety Action plan and Risk Management plan** will be available on the Sport Tasman and NZSS websites from early March 2025.

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 21st March and forward to your RSD. Your RSD will then send it onto Anita, Sport Tasman by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Refreshments:** There will be coffee and popsicles available at the venue. Food stalls are available at the Ipukarea event within a quick 2-minute walk from the venue. There is also a Woolworths and sushi within a 10-minute walk from the venue but please ensure athletes bring food etc. Only water is permitted on the track/field venues.

**Shelter:** School teams are welcome to bring tents, gazebos etc. These can be erected around the outside of the track on the top grass banks. Space may be limited. This will be on a first in best spot basis, no site bookings 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 Athletics.net 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 the car parks on both sides of the Saxton Pavilion/Athletics Track. Entry to parking is available from Main Road Stoke.

The **attached Map of Saxton** outlines the car parking available. Please note that although an Entrance and Exit point have been defined on the map these roadways are actually two way. Overflow parking (if needed) can be found over Saxton Creek as you head towards the marked exit point.

Ipukarea is also taking place at Saxton. We ask that all South Island Secondary School Athletes enter and exit at Main Road Stoke and Champion Road. All Ipukarea participants will be using the other entry points and Kerry Marshall Drive will be closed (highlighted on the map) to through traffic.

**Relay Confirmation:** Team Managers are required to confirm to the control room, relay entries and the names of runners no later than **1.00pm** on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April for those grades with 4x100m heats and for all other teams by 9.30am on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Preliminary information distributed to RSD'S to forward to schools.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March Call for remits to AGM

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March Online entries OPEN 9am

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March Dispensation requests to be sent to your RSD by 4pm Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March Remits for AGM close

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> March Dispensation applications to be received by [anita.c@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:anita.c@sporttasman.org.nz) from RSD's.

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March Online entries close 5pm

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April All scratchings to be sent in by 1pm to [anita.c@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:anita.c@sporttasman.org.nz)

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April Saxton Track and Field opens 12pm

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

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April Championships commence at 9:00am  
Events conclude at 5:00pm

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April Events commence at 9:00am  
Championships conclude approx. 1pm