

Selection Policy for World Schools Cross Country 2012

The New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Association intend sending a selected team in both boys and girls and the required two school teams to Malta in April 2012. Athletes must have been born in 1995, 1996, or 1997.

Selection will be made from performances at NZ Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships in Ashburton on Saturday, 18th June.

If a leading athlete is unable to compete in Ashburton because of injury or valid personal reasons, they must write to: Convenor of Selectors, NZSSAA, Suite 3133, PO Box 83000, Johnsonville, Wellington 6440, explaining their absence and request exemption. A request should show evidence of prior performance and medical/physio evidence of injury. An exempted athlete should be able to prove their fitness at the NZ Cross Country championships at the end of July.

The team will be confirmed on Monday, 1st August, allowing any performance at the NZ Cross Country Championships to enhance a claim for a team place, or for the above confirmation of fitness.

Applications to represent New Zealand as a school team should be on the form provided on the NZSSAA website. The application should include full details of nominated athletes. While not essential, showing depth beyond 6 runners and documentation of performances for lesser known athletes would enhance an application.

Please note, a team consists of 4 runners to count with a maximum of 6 runners entered.