

2010 ISF World Schools Cross Country Championships

Event: 19-24th April 2010 in Liptovsky Mikulas in the Slovak Republic

NZSSAA intends to send a team to these championships.

The New Zealand team will consist of 4 teams of 6 who compete in separate races:

Boy's School team of 6 plus coach/manager from that school

Girl's School team of 6 plus coach/manager from that school

New Zealand Selected boys team of 6 plus coach/manager

New Zealand Selected girls school team of 6 plus coach/manager

With the Team Manager and the Head of Delegation, the party will make up a total of 30 travelling.

Competitors

All competitors must be born in 1993, 1994 or 1995.

Race distances

Girls run approx 3000m, boys races are approx 5000m.

Selection Policy

A selection panel has been appointed to select:

NZ Boys Selected team of 6 and 2 reserves

NZ Girls Selected team of 6 and 2 reserves

Boys School team of 6 to represent NZ

Girls School team of 6 to represent NZ

The NZ Selected Teams will predominately be picked based on results in the NZSSAA Cross Country championships in Nelson, but these teams will not be announced until after the Athletics NZ XC championships on 9th August. The latter races will be used by the selectors as confirmation of athletes' form and gives athletes an extra chance to impress.

Athletes wishing to be considered are expected to be taking part in the NZSSAA Cross Country championships in Nelson.

If anyone is prevented by illness or injury etc, and believes they should be considered for the NZ Selected teams, they should advise their school or regional representative before the championships, and in addition email nzteam @me.com with full information by 29th June to ensure the selectors are advised.

The Boys and Girls School teams to represent NZ will be announced as soon as the selectors have made a decision.

Interested schools should be aware it will cost approximately \$42000 for 6 athletes and the team coach.

Please:

1. Register your interest with the secretary N Scott-Morrison
2. Complete a form with details of their likely team and their performances at the NZSSAA Cross Country championships in Nelson
- ... and email to nzteam @me.com by Saturday June 27th

NZ Boys Selected Team and Girls Selected Team Managers

An invitation is extended for interested teachers and coaches to apply for the two roles above. Please apply in writing or by email by Friday July 3rd to either

John Tylden (Chairman NZSSAA, tylden@xtra.co.nz)
or Norm Scott-Morrison (Secretary NZSSAA, nzteam @me.com)
Please inform those you think might be interested.

Cost

The intention at this stage is to spend a week acclimatising and training in London plus the 5 days in the games village in Liptovsky Mikulas. The cost was \$6000 per person in 2008. Athletes and schools teams will need to do their own fundraising.

Further information may be found on www.isfsports.org

Contact

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2008 Results:

Girls School Championship 2008

NZ was represented by Tauranga Girls' College and coach Michelle Pollard. Team result 6th out of 28 countries.

Boys' School Championship

NZ was represented by Wanganui Collegiate with coach Alec McNab
Team result 5th out of 30 teams

Selected Girls' Championship

Coach: Lois Grimmer

The NZ Selected team finished 1st with Esther Keown winning the individual title.



NZ girls leading the race

Selected Boys' Championship

Coach: Geoff Shaw

New Zealand team finished 6th