2010 ISF World Schools Cross Country Championships

Event: April 2010 in Nijmegen in the Netherlands

NZSSAA intends to send a team to these championships.

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

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

In addition there will also be a Head of delegation and an overall Team Manager. Total 30 altogether.

Competitors

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

Race distances

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

Selection

The team will be selected soon after the NZSSAA Cross Country Championships in Nelson this year, and selections will predominately be based on results in these championships. NZ team managers

There will be an opportunity for schools to nominate athletes (especially if missing the championships due to injury), school teams for selection, and coach/managers for the NZ Selected teams

<u>Cost</u>

The intention at this stage is to spend a week acclimatising and training in London plus the 5 days in the games village in Holland. The cost is likely to be \$6000 per person as in 2008. Athletes, coaches and schools will need to do their own fundraising.

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

<u>Selected Girls' Championship</u> The NZ Selected team finished 1st with Esther Keown winning the individual title.



NZ girls leading the race

Selected Boys' Championship New Zealand team finished 6th

Coach: Geoff Shaw

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