



**Little
Athletics**
Victoria

Trial Athlete Policy

of

Little Athletics Association of Victoria Inc

Version 1

Registration Number: A0003260D

RELEASED: September 2020

TABLE OF CONTENTS

SECTION 1 – ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

1.1	Context	3
1.2	Trial Athlete Offer	Error! Bookmark not defined.
1.3	Trial Athlete Process	4
1.4	Centres	4

SECTION 2 - DOCUMENT HISTORY

2.1	Version Control	5
-----	-----------------------	---

SECTION 1 – TRIAL ATHLETES

1.1 Context

- (a) This policy aligns with Regulation 6 – Terms for Affiliation (Membership) of Centres. Rule 1.10 (a) (ii) states: Marketing and promotional activities occur in the local community, including schools, to retain and / or grow their competitive membership base.
- (b) Little Athletics Victoria ('LAVic') actively encourages its Affiliated Centres to attract new Competitive Members by offering the opportunity to experience Little Athletics on a first-hand basis prior, to committing to, and completing full financial Competition Membership registration.
- (c) Prospective athletes that trial Little Athletics under the terms of this policy are termed 'Trial Athletes'.
- (d) The Trial Athlete is a pre-cursor step towards full registration as a full financial LAVic Competitive Member.
- (e) The Trial Athlete is not afforded full membership rights and privileges until such time as the individual is fully registered as a financial Competitive Member. Regulation 7 'Registration of Competitive Members' sets out the conditions for athlete membership of the Association
- (f) The program for trialling athletes is termed the 'Trial Athlete Offer'.

1.2 Trial Athlete Offer

- (a) The 'Trial Athlete Offer' is available to children:
 - (i) that have not previously registered as Competitive Members of any Little Athletics Member Association; and
 - (ii) who are 5 years of age or older, and who are 16 years of age or younger at the end of the calendar year in which the summer season commences.
- (b) The conditions of the Trial Athlete Offer are:
 - (i) The opportunity to trial Little Athletics at a Centre of choice on 2 competition days;
 - (ii) Trials are to be completed within a 28-day period, commencing on a date agreed with by the host Centre;
 - (iii) Trials are conducted free of charge;
 - (iv) Events trialled will be determined by the host Centre;
 - (v) Trial Athletes may attend sanctioned Centre training activities by agreement with the host Centre during the term of the Trial Athlete Offer;
 - (vi) Competition days participated in as a Trial Athlete can be claimed towards qualification for Region and State competition only if the individual has registered as a full financial LAVic Competitive Member in their correct age group by the closing day and time for entries for the competition;
 - (vii) Trial Athletes are fully covered by the national insurance program entered into by Little Athletics Australia Ltd ('LAA') for the 28-day period of the Trial Athlete Offer;
 - (viii) A Trial Athlete can register as a full financial LAVic Competitive Member at any time.

1.3 Trial Athlete process

- (a) The Trial Athlete must be registered by a parent/guardian by the following means:
 - (i) Via the nominated online portal prior to competition day(preferable);
 - (ii) Via entry on the competition day at the Centre;
- (b) Upon completing Trial Athlete registration, the parent/guardian:
 - (i) (For online registrations) is sent a confirmation email containing: a receipt for the Trial Athlete registration; a template Trial Athlete Bib for optional printing (containing first name, age group and gender; alternatively, bibs will be available at the Centre); advice on how to proceed;
 - (ii) (For entry on the competition day at the Centre) is provided a Trial Athlete Bib from the official responsible for Trial Athletes and advised how to proceed.
- (c) Trial Athlete attends the host Centre and registers their attendance with the official responsible for Trial Athletes on trial competition days.
- (d) The Trial Athlete Bib is to be pinned to the chest of the Trial Athlete at all times at the Centre when in attendance on competition days.
- (e) The Trial Athlete participates in the events.

1.4 Centres

- (a) To assist with the administration of the Trial Athlete Offer, and to ultimately maximise new membership registrations from the program, Centres are advised of the following:
 - (i) To plan for and advertise at least one (or more) competition days as a 'Come & Try Day' during the summer track & field calendar. The purpose of this is to attract the maximum number of Trial Athletes and to provide them with the best experience Centre resources provide for; otherwise trials can occur at any time.
 - (ii) Devise an engaging and varied competition program for the Come & Try Days.
 - (iii) To co-opt a 'Trial Athlete Official' to co-ordinate the Trial Athlete Offer program.
- (b) The responsibilities of Trial Athlete Official should include:
 - (i) acting as the Centre point of contact to answer questions for Trial Athletes and families;
 - (ii) greeting the Trial Athletes and families upon arrival on competition days and at training;
 - (iii) processing of Trial Athlete entries received on the competition day;
 - (iv) registering the attendance of Trial Athletes on competition days;
 - (v) maintaining a supply of blank Trial Athlete bibs and pins;
 - (vi) tracking the attendance of Trial Athletes;
 - (vii) following up on the welfare of Trial Athletes;
 - (viii) actively discussing and encouraging Trial Athletes and families to take up full financial LAVic Competitive Membership;
 - (ix) educating Trial Athletes and families about the benefits, costs, time commitment, training times, parental responsibilities, fulfilling voluntary duties, developmental pathways, competition opportunities, and other key aspects of Little Athletics.

SECTION 2 - DOCUMENT HISTORY

2.1 VERSION CONTROL

Date	Version #	Action Taken / Updates
September 2020	1.0	Draft from scratch.