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Policy & Guidelines for LAVic State Team Selection

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SECTION 1 - AUSTRALIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

1.1 PURPOSE

- (a) This policy sets down the guidelines and procedural requirements of the Association for participation in the Australian Little Athletics Championships.

1.2 DEFINITIONS

- (a) Some definitions used in this Policy are:
 - (i) LAVic – Little Athletics Victoria
 - (ii) ALAC – Australian Little Athletics Championships
 - (iii) CEO – Chief Executive Officer of LAVic
- (b) References to Under 13, 14, and 15 competitors will be inclusive of both able-bodied and multi-class, except where otherwise noted.

1.3 LAVIC STATE MANAGEMENT TEAM

- (a) The LAVic State Team Management is comprised of at least five members, with representation from, at least, both male and female genders.
- (b) The size of the LAVic State Management Team will be determined noting best practice regarding supervision, alongside consideration of location, facilities, and structure of the competition.
- (c) The LAVic State Team Management may comprise several different roles, including Team Manager, Event Coach(es), and any additional roles, as required.
- (d) Appointments to the LAVic State Management Team and State Team Selection Committee will be managed by the Manager – Education in consultation with the CEO.
- (e) All members of the LAVic State Team Management shall have a current Working with Children's Check or equivalent, have completed Play by the Rules' Child Safe standard modules, and read and signed the LAVic Code of Conduct for Dealing with Children and Young People.

1.4 LAVIC STATE SELECTION COMMITTEE

- (a) The role of the Selection Panel is to select the competitors for the Under 13, 14, and 15 Team Competitions.
- (b) The LAVic State Team Selection Committee is comprised of at least five members.
- (c) The Selection Committee will convene on Monday the 10th of March to finalise the selection of competitors for the Australian Little Athletics Championships.
 - (i) Successful competitors will be contacted on Tuesday the 11th of March via email.

1.5 SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

1.5.1 Eligibility for Selection

- (a) To be eligible for selection, a competitor must have:
 - (i) Competed in the LAVic State Track & Field Championships in the current season or the Combined Events Championships (U15 Combined Event nominees only).
 - (ii) Remain in good standing with Little Athletics Victoria.

1.5.2 Selection Process

In season 2024-25 adjustments have, again, been made to the format of ALAC, including a revision which sees all age groups now contesting team competitions, plus an U15 combined event team competition. In the selection of teams, considering only those who nominate, the following will be noted.

For team competition in the under 13, 14, and 15 age groups:

- (a)** The State Team Selection Committee will nominate sufficient competitors to facilitate options in each event, for both boys and girls.
- (b)** The team will consist of up to 16 Boys and 16 Girls (Able-bodied), and 8 Multi Class competitors, per age group.
- (c)** Competitors are to be selected at the discretion of the State Team Selection Committee, with the aim to obtain the maximum possible points score for the Team.
- (d)** 16 disciplines are offered to able-bodied competitors and 8 in multi-class.
- (e)** Competitors are primarily chosen from their performances achieved at the LAVic State Track & Field Championships in their age group. To assist in finalising event selections, the State Selection Committee may consider performances at other events.
- (f)** Multi-Class competitors must have a provisional or full classification.
- (g)** Competitors will be required to attend the full duration of the ALAC, including preparatory activities.

For the U15 combined event team competition:

- (a)** The team will consist of 2 boys and 2 girls.
- (b)** In the first instance, the top two placed competitors from the LAVic State Combined Event Championship will be considered for selection to ALAC (Please note that competitors selected to contest the Combined Event will not be eligible to contest the U15 team competition).
- (c)** Competitors will be required to attend the full duration of the ALAC, including preparatory activities.

1.5.3 Training Sessions

- (a)** Team members will be required to attend two training sessions held on:
 - (i)** 23rd March – Ringwood
 - (ii)** 13th April – Williamstown
- (b)** Attendance at all training sessions is vital to the selection. Those who cannot commit to this, may not be selected.

1.6 ADMINISTRATION

- (a)** All Team members will be required to purchase certain uniform items, where not already owned, including competition and tracksuit tops and bottoms.
- (b)** Each competitor selected in the LAVic State Team will be required to pay a levy. This levy is reviewed annually.

SECTION 2 - DOCUMENT HISTORY

2.1 VERSION CONTROL

Date	Version #	Action Taken / Updates
December 2017	1.0	Instituted Version Control with December 2017 document becoming V1.0 Regulation repealed, Policy created.
June 2018	2.0	Update reference to age groups due to changes for season 2019. Update team sizes due to age group changes.
October 2018	3.0	Update reference to Combined Events to align to both LAVic and LAA new terminology.
July 2019	4.0	Remove references to age group changes. Update Team size as determined by LAA in June 2019 Update selection process for ATC to Monday night.
December 2020	5.0	Update Team size as determined by LAA in Nov 2020 Update selection criteria to include Multi-Class
December 2021	6.0	Update minor administrative changes.
February 2022	6.1	Update selection criteria due to changes to Multi-Class events
2022/2023	7.0 - 7.2	Creation of separate selection documents due to the changed timing of the Combined Event Championships.
October 2023	8.0	Realignment of policies into one document. Administrative updates and changes to reflect revised structure for the 2024 Australian Little Athletics Championship.
March 2024	8.1	Updates to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specify time of selection meeting and advisement of successful applicants. • Include process for selection of U14 and U15 competitors in the case of a draw. • Minor wording, for enhanced clarity.
November 2024	9.0	Updates to reflect revised structure for ALAC 2025.