

Registration of Competitive Members of

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of Victoria Incorporated**

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SECTION 1 - REGISTRATION OF COMPETITIVE MEMBERS

1.1 Context

- (a) A Competitive Member is defined in rule 4.1 of the Constitution of the Association, as a child who is 5 years of age or older and who is 16 years of age or younger at the end of the calendar year in which the summer season commences and who is registered with the Association. For the avoidance of doubt, a child may be registered as a Competitive member during the calendar year in which that child attains 5 years of age.
- (b) Under rule 6.9, a Competitive Member is entitled to the benefits, rights and privileges set out in the Constitution and the Regulations and is required to undertake some obligations. In essence, a Competitive member has the right to participate in:
 - (i) weekly competitions and skill related activities at the Affiliated Centre at which he or she is a member;
 - (ii) competitions and activities at other Affiliated Centres, subject to approval by those Centres and the Association; and
 - (iii) competitions and activities organised by the Association, such as Skills Clinics, Region Carnivals and State Championships.
- (c) While involved in any activities sanctioned by Little Athletics Australia Ltd (LAA), a Competitive Member is also covered by the national insurance program entered into by LAA.
- (d) As with any other Member, a Competitive Member is required to comply with the rules made under the Constitution and the Regulations when participating in competitions and other activities. In particular, a Competitive Member is expected to act according to the terms of the Athletes Code of Conduct.
- (e) A person covered by the definition referred to in paragraph (a) above, who wishes to become registered as a Competitive Member, must apply in writing to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Association under rule 6.6(b) for annual membership each Affiliation Year, as submitted by the parent/guardian.

1.2 Purpose

- (a) The purpose of this Section is to outline the eligibility, registration and ongoing requirements that apply to Competitive Members.

1.3 Eligibility to Register as a Competitive Member

- (a) A child covered by the definition in paragraph 1.1 (a) above is eligible to be registered as a Competitive Member of the Association.
- (b) A Competitive Member is eligible to participate in competitions and skill related activities within the Under 6 – Under 17 age groups, based on their date of birth.

- (c) A child may only be registered once with the Association in each Affiliation Year. Once registered by an Affiliated Centre, a child may only transfer to another Centre or from another State/Territory under the provisions set out in clause 1.8 of this Regulation.
- (d) The sport of Little Athletics relies on the dedicated efforts of many volunteers for its successful delivery at Affiliated Centres and at Association events. Under Regulation 11, parents/guardians of each Competitive Member are required to register as Associate Members of the Association when the Competitive Member is registered. It is expected that those parents/guardians will undertake voluntary duties at Affiliated Centres and at Association events when requested.

1.4 Affiliation Year

- (a) A parent/guardian may register a child as a Competitive Member each Affiliation Year. The Affiliation Year, as determined by the Board in paragraph 1.3 (a) of Regulation 6, starts on 1 September each year and concludes on 31 August of the following year.
- (b) In each Affiliation Year, the Track and Field (summer) season is from 1 September in any year to 31 March of the following year. The Cross Country (winter) season follows the summer season from 1 April to 31 August. A parent/guardian may register a child for the full Affiliation Year, or only for the winter season.

1.5 Registration Process

- (a) A parent/guardian of a child who wishes to register as a Competitive Member is required to make an annual online application to the CEO of the Association via the Association database for the child to be registered as a Competitive Member. The parent/guardian is required to attest to all the information supplied on the online application form.
- (b) A parent/guardian registering a child as a Competitive Member for the first time must provide proof of age of the child to the Association directly or via the Affiliated Centre at which the child is a member. The proof of age can be in the form of a birth certificate, passport, immigration certificate, immunisation status certificate or infant welfare booklet.
- (c) Under rule 6.6(d) of the Constitution, the CEO of the Association may refer any online application for membership to the Board where the CEO believes that the applicant was not eligible to be registered as a Competitive Member. The Board may in its discretion determine whether to approve or decline the application.
- (d) As per paragraph 1.3(d) above, subject to any possible review by the Board, a parent/guardian of a Competitive Member is required to make an online application to be an Associate Member when he or she annually registers a child as a Competitive Member
- (e) Under rule 8.1 of the Constitution, the CEO will keep and maintain a Register of the details supplied under the registration process. The parent/guardian of a Competitive Member will advise the CEO online of any changes to the details kept on the Register. The Privacy Policy of the Association applies to how the Association deals with the keeping of those details. Subject to the operation of that Policy, Members can make a request to inspect the Register under rule 30(d).

1.6 Competitive Member (Subscription) Fee

- (a)** An Annual Subscription is payable to the Association by a Competitive Member. The amount of the Subscription is set out in section 4 of Regulation 9. In addition, an annual fee is also payable to the Affiliated Centre, and in some instances to a Club, at which the child is a member. A child who registers as a Competitive Member for the winter season after 31 March pays a smaller subscription than a child who registers for the full Affiliation Year.
- (b)** As the process of registration with the Association and with an Affiliated Centre occurs at the same time, Centres must ensure that they are fully compliant with the terms of Regulation 6 (Affiliation of Centres) before they accept registrations for any new Affiliation Year.
- (c)** A child is not entitled to all the benefits, including insurance, set out in paragraph 1.1(b) if the full Annual Subscription is not paid on registration. Subject to the Association policy on Trial Athletes, if the applicable subscription fee is not paid on registration, the child is not entitled to the full range of activities set out in paragraph 1.1(b).

1.7 Wearing of Registration Patches

- (a)** The Affiliated Centre of which a Competitive Member is a member must provide to the Member an Association Registration Patch (ARP) and any other registration material provided by the Association. The ARP supplied to each Competitive Member must be worn on the front of the approved uniform of the relevant Affiliated Centre or Club when a member engages in the activities set out in paragraph 1.1(b).
- (b)** The Affiliated Centre of which a Competitive Member is a member must provide to the Member the National Membership Badge (NMB), as supplied by LAA. The NMB supplied to each Competitive Member must be sewn on the front of the approved uniform of the relevant Affiliated Centre or Club when a member engages in the activities set out in paragraph 1.1(b).

1.8 Transfers of Competitive Members

- (a)** A Competitive Member can transfer from one Affiliated Centre to another between Affiliation Years, as long as the parent/guardian advises the CEO of the Association, to enable the CEO to adjust the Register to link the Member with the new Centre.
- (b)** A Competitive Member can transfer from one Affiliated Centre to another during an Affiliation Year if the parent/guardian lodges a written and signed request for transfer with the CEO detailing the reasons for the request. If the request for transfer is approved, the CEO will advise both Centres of the decision and will change the Member's details on the Register. The new Affiliated Centre will issue a new ARP to the Member, and will advise the Member of any Centre fee that is payable by the Member (the Member has already paid the Association Annual Subscription). If the request for transfer is refused, the Member may lodge a grievance against the decision under rule 21 of the Constitution.
- (c)** A Competitive Member registered with a Little Athletics Centre in another State or Territory may request a transfer to an Affiliated Centre in Victoria during an Affiliation Year by lodging a written application with the new Centre. LAVic would seek proof from the releasing Member Association that the Member is currently registered. The transferring Member is required to comply with the terms of this Regulation, and the parent/guardian of the Member will register the Member according to the terms set out in clause 1.5 of this Regulation. The new Affiliated Centre will issue a new ARP to

the Member, and will advise the Member of any Centre fee that is payable by the Member.

SECTION 2 - DOCUMENT HISTORY

2.1 VERSION CONTROL

Date	Version #	Action Taken / Updates
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