

TO: **Region & Centre Secretaries**
FROM: **Shane Bertrand – General Manager**
DATE: **Wednesday 19th January 2022**
SUBJECT: **Clash of Events – Region T&F Carnivals and AA
Nationals Combined Events**

The following information has been sent to the small number of athletes that competed at the recent Athletics Victoria State Combined Events and are current financial members of Little Athletics Victoria.

To facilitate the athlete's pathway in athletics, especially at a National Championships level, the Competition committee have considered the implications of the clash of events between the AA National Combined Events Championships and the LAVic Region Track & Field Carnivals. It is the intent of the competitions committee to ensure athletes are not disadvantaged through this clash, which was very late in being released by AA, while maintaining the integrity of the eligibility requirements of our State Championships, and not impacting those athletes that qualify through the Region Track & Field Carnivals.

The Competition Regulations will be amended to allow the following.

Rule 602.

Due to the clash of events with the Athletics Australia National Combined Events Championships on the same weekend as Region Track & Field Carnivals, LAVic U14, U15 and U16 athletes only, that **qualify, register and compete** at the AA National Combined Events Championships, can qualify as an **invitational** athlete into the LAVic State Track & Field Championships.

The U14, U15 and U16 athletes that wish to claim an invitational status into the LAVic State Track and Field Championships must **register and pay**, via the LAVic Region Track and Field Carnival online portal, for **each event** they would like to enter, prior to the closing date and time of the portal.

If an U14, U15 or U16 athlete, does **not compete** at the AA National Combined Events Championships, as indicated by the official results, they will **not** be eligible to claim the invitational status; in this case, to qualify for the State Track & Field Championships, the athletes must **compete** and **qualify** through the Region Track & Field Carnivals.



As per Rule 606 – Presentations, the invitational athletes will **not** be eligible for Medals, if they place in the overall top 3, they will receive an Invitational Ribbon. The Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be presented to the top 3 **eligible** athletes after the results have been finalised.

To ensure the integrity of the competition, in the Track events, which are all Timed Finals / Final, the invitational athletes will **not** be seeded in the last Timed Final. In the Field events other than High Jump, after the 3 rounds, if the invitational athletes qualify for the additional round, the top 8 will be increased accordingly. The invitational athletes will compete in the last round, prior to the top 8 **eligible** athletes having their final attempt. In the High Jump, the number of **eligible** athletes left in the competition, will determine when the increment heights change from 5cms to 2cms, as per the regulations, this is in addition to any invitational athletes left in the competition.

Rule 604, Maximum Field size will be amended to allow greater than 24 athletes in the event.

To clarify, the athletes must **compete** at the National Combined Events, or **compete and qualify** at the Region Track & Field Carnivals. If an athlete doesn't satisfy these conditions, they will not be eligible for the State Track & Field Championships.

As the Region Track & Field Carnivals registration portal closes on Sunday 30th January, the registration and payment, must be made by then, for the athletes to be considered.

The LAVic team.