

TO: **Region & Centre Secretaries**
FROM: **Anthony McIntosh - CEO**
DATE: **Friday 4th June 2021**
SUBJECT: **Cross-Country Competition**

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Restricted Activity Directions (RADs)

At 11.59pm last night, the Victorian State Government (via the Chief Health Officer) released separate RADs for [Metro Melbourne](#) and [Regional Victoria](#). These will remain in effect until 11.59pm on Thursday 10th June. The RADs set out, amongst other things, the conditions for the conduct of community sport.

The RADs are to be read in conjunction with the [Region Stay Safe Directions](#) and [Metro Stay at Home Directions](#) which specify settings for wearing face coverings, physical distancing and other COVID-safe measures.

Local Government Areas are defined as 'metropolitan Melbourne' or 'regional Victoria' – click [HERE](#) to ascertain your location of residence or Centre.

Regional Victoria RADs

Regional Victoria RADs, clause 7a 'Community Sport' reads:

Persons aged 18 years or under.

(2) A member of the public aged 18 years or under may participate in a community sport if:

- (a) all members of the public participating in a group are aged 18 years or under; and
- (b) it is conducted outdoors; and
- (c) it is conducted in Regional Victoria; and
- (d) it does not involve a participant who ordinarily resides in Metropolitan Melbourne; and
- (e) no more than the minimum number of members of the public required to conduct the sport participate in the activity; and
- (f) no more than 10 members of the public participate for individual events.

Example: running and cycling are individual events.

Local Cross-Country competition in Regional Victoria

Local Cross-Country competition can re-commence in Regional Victoria immediately.

Important points to note:

- Cross-Country races cannot exceed 10 athletes each and must be completed prior to the next race commencing.
- Cannot involve a participant who ordinarily resides in Metropolitan Melbourne;
- Spectators are not permitted.
- Supervising parents are permitted.
- Officials and volunteers required to conduct the events are permitted to attend.
- Face coverings must be carried (by 12yo and over) at all times, and worn if 1.5m physical spacing is not possible. Must be worn indoors.
- Access to indoor space at the facility is not permitted, except to access indoor toilets or to pass through the indoor space solely for the purpose of accessing an outdoor space.
- QR Codes: everyone involved in conducting sanctioned Cross-Country competition, training and coaching, including athletes, parents, officials & coaches, must register their attendance via the [State Government QR Code](#) tool.
- NSW-based Centres may conduct sanctioned Cross-Country activities in accordance with NSW rules. Victorian members competing in NSW are subject to the [rules regarding travel to & from NSW](#).

Metro Melbourne

Victorian State Government has announced an extension of COVID-19 lockdown until 11.59pm Thursday 10th June for [metropolitan Melbourne Local Government Areas](#).

Sanctioned Little Athletics activity – competition, training and coaching - within metropolitan Local Government Areas will remain banned for this period.

Region Cross-Country Carnivals – all 7 Regions

Due to restrictions advised in the RADs for Regional Victoria, the settings for which Community Sport can recommence, it has been decided that under these conditions, our Region Cross-Country Carnivals cannot proceed once Metro Melbourne is released from lockdown, with any degree of confidence or certainty.

The Region Cross-Country Carnivals have been **cancelled**. The State Cross-Country Championships, on Saturday 31st July at Lake Dewar, will now be direct entry. All the current registrations will be moved across into the State Championships, and the portal will remain open until Monday 5th July.

To recognise the performances that would have been achieved at the Region Carnivals, Region medals will be presented in addition to the State medals, based on placings. A portal for athletes to withdraw from State will also be set up, refunds will be provided.