

TO: Centre & Region Secretaries
FROM: Anthony McIntosh – Chief Executive Officer
DATE: Tuesday, 15th September 2020
SUBJECT: Regional Victoria to move to Step 3

Earlier today, the Victorian Premier, Daniel Andrews, released a [statement](#) announcing that regional communities would proceed to the 'Third Step' of the re-opening roadmap, effective from 11.59pm on 16th September.

In a positive development for the commencement of the 20/21 season for our sport, the statement, in part, reads:

“Outdoor contact and non-contact sport will begin for regional Victorians aged 18 and under, as well as outdoor non-contact sport for adults, with gathering and density limits.”

In its announcements on Sunday 6th September, the State Government foreshadowed this development as part of the [roadmap](#) for Step 3. Unlike the hard dates set out for metropolitan Melbourne, the steps to re-opening for regional Victoria will continue to be determined by infection rates.

At this stage, there is no further information available regarding the conditions and restrictions under which our sport can commence.

It's expected that the Department of Health & Human Services and Sport & Recreation Victoria will be providing this advice to all State Sporting Organisations, including LAVic, in coming days. In turn, LAVic will revise and distribute its competition and training protocols for regional Victorian Centres, to ensure the conduct of safe, legal, and insured Little Athletics activities.

Centres are reminded that they are not insured for season 20/21, and are unable to register members or conduct sanctioned activities – such as training and competition – until they have successfully affiliated, have registered at least one COVID-Safe Official and have received written authorisation from LAVic. The protocols and authorisation process will be finalised and communicated in due course.

The LAVic Team.