



**Little
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Victoria

TO: Region & Centre Secretaries
FROM: Anthony McIntosh – CEO
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SUBJECT: Vaccinations reprieve; Metro Melbourne & Regional Vic protocols; competition; COVID Safe Plans

- Vaccinations reprieve for community sport
- Metro Melbourne protocols for training
- Protocols Regional Victorian Centres to be updated
- Commencement of competition for Victorian Centres
- COVID Safe Plans

Vaccinations reprieve for community sport

The Victorian State Government Department of Health & Human Services has now confirmed its intent to exclude community sport (both indoors and outdoors) from the requirement to comply with the COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination (Workers) Directions (No. 5). Sport & Recreation Victoria were actively seeking clarification on this point up until the close of business last Friday night.

This means that the vaccination status of our volunteers – parents/guardians, officials, coaches, Committee members, Associate Members, Honorary Members and others necessary to conduct our sport - **is not required** to be checked or recorded if they are attending for the sole purpose of facilitating sanctioned Little Athletics activities.

The vaccination requirements will apply to facility workers and volunteers if their jobs extend beyond community sport. This has implications for private and professional coaches, registered personal trainers and other activities not sanctioned by Little Athletics.

While in practical terms, parents/guardians and all volunteers - vaccinated and unvaccinated – can attend Little Athletics activities without having to confirm their vaccination status, other COVID-19 protocols are required to be adhered to.

The **FAQs** and the **LAVic membership registration portal** are currently being revised to align with these changes.

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Note, the above applies to Victorian Centres only. **Vaccination restrictions remain unchanged in NSW.**

Metro Melbourne protocols for training

Sanctioned Centre training for metro Melbourne Centres can now commence by complying with the Protocols and CSO Duty Statement. Links to these are below:

- [LAVic Metro Melbourne COVID-19 Protocols v6.3ff 25.10.21](#)
- [LAVic Metro Melbourne CSO Duty Statement v4.5ff 25.10.21](#)

Key points:

- Training can commence upon compliance with the Protocols.
- **Competition is not permitted.**
- Volunteers (parents/guardians, officials, coaches, Committee members, Associate Members, Honorary Members) can attend regardless of vaccination status.

Protocols Regional Victorian Centres to be updated

Advising that the protocols for regional Victorian Centres are in the process of being revised in accordance with the changes to the vaccination directions, and will be released and communicated soon.

Commencement of competition for Victorian Centres

The next Open Premises Directions document is expected to be released by the State Government on Friday October 29th. This will bring regional Victoria and metro Melbourne together under the one setting and will confirm the conditions under which competition can commence.

Competition will **not** be able to commence on the weekend commencing Friday 29th to Sunday 31st October until the new Protocols are sent to all Centres. This is expected to occur on Monday 1st November, at the earliest. Centres will then have time to adequately plan and prepare for competition, under the settings provided.

COVID-Safe Plans

Centres are reminded that they are required to have an updated [COVID Safe Plan](#) in place (NSW Centres – click [HERE](#)).

LAVic suggests reviewing and updating the COVID-Safe Plan from last season 20/21, as a convenient way of completing this task.



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