

TO: **LAVic Centres & Regions**

FROM: **Anthony McIntosh - Chief Executive Officer**

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SUBJECT: **Return to Modified Training Protocols - framework**

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**Background:**

With the recent easing of COVID-19 restrictions by the Victorian State Government, LAVic is pleased to release the protocols for the conducting of modified training activities.

These protocols have been shaped by the Victorian Department of Health & Human Services, Sport Australia, the Australian Institute of Sport, Little Athletics Australia, and Little Athletics Victoria.

Linked are the following documents (click to view):

- ['LAVic Return to Modified Training Protocols – Framework'](#)
- ['LAVic Modified Training Protocols Checklist'](#)
- ['COVID Safe Official Duty Statement'](#)

The decision to 'Return to Modified Training' (or not) in the immediate future is for the Committee of each Centre to determine.

Centres that do wish to 'Return to Modified Training' will be required to agree to fulfil in full the conditions set out in the 'Framework' document. Be advised that these conditions are significant in number and scope and may prove to be, at times, onerous and difficult to comply with. Many of the rules are legally binding, and the responsibilities for each Centre in implementing and carrying out modified training activities are not insignificant.

Centres are advised to carefully consider their capacity to sustainably operate under these conditions before agreeing to proceed. This is particularly apt when considering the additional volunteering resources this will require now and for the months leading into season 20/21.

Central to the safe implementation and ongoing compliance is the requirement for Centres to appoint one (or multiple) 'COVID Safe Official(s)' (CSOs). The voluntary CSO role has many responsibilities and Centres will not be authorised to proceed without this/these appointment(s) being made. Click [HERE](#) to view the '[CSO Duty Statement](#)'.

**Steps towards 'Returning to Training' (commencing modified training):**

Step 1

- Centre Committee to discuss and agree to proceed (or not);
- Centre Committee to recruit and select one or more CSOs;



- Centre President to sign the '[LAVic Return to Modified Training Protocols - Framework](#)' document and return via email to [office@lavic.com.au](mailto:office@lavic.com.au), with the subject heading '<Centre name> Return to Modified Training'. By doing so, the Centre agrees to abide by the conditions set out.

#### Step 2

- Upon receipt of signed 'Framework' document, LAVic will forward a link to the Centre for it to register the name, private email address, mobile phone number, Working With Children Check number & expiry date, and Centre name (and Club if applicable) of the CSO(s) via the SportsTG online portal.
- The Centre will register the CSO's details.

#### Step 3

- Upon completion of CSO's registration, LAVic will notify the Centre in writing, authorising it to conduct sanctioned, insured activities. Additional support documentation will be distributed to authorised Centres.

This is an exciting time for our sport, Victorian community sport and the Victorian public. However, the road back to opening up Little Athletics activity won't be easy or straightforward. These protocols have been put in place to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission and for the health and safety of all of us.

We all hope our sport will be well positioned for a speedy return to a 'new normal'.

The LAVic team