



**Little  
Athletics**  
Victoria

**TO: Region & Centre Secretaries**  
**FROM: Anthony McIntosh – Chief Executive Officer**  
**DATE: Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021**  
**SUBJECT: State Cross-Country Relay Championships cancelled**

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#### **Key points**

- 2021 State Cross-Country Relay Championships Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August: cancelled
- All public events limited to max 300 for next two weeks & likely beyond
- Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No.21) released
- 2021 State Cross-Country Championships Saturday remains postponed

#### **Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No.21) released**

Following on from the memo of 28<sup>th</sup> July, the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) has released its latest [Restricted Activities Directions \(Victoria\) \(No.21\)](#), that came into effect at midnight last night, and expire on 26<sup>th</sup> August. Confirming there are no updates of significance to Little Athletics to report.

#### **2021 State Cross-Country Relay Championships Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August: cancelled**

LAVic has made the decision to cancel the State Cross-Country Relay Championships, that were re-scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> August. An enormously disappointing development. The background details are listed below:

- The Department of Justice, Precincts & Regions (DJPR) has advised LAVic in the days following lockdown, that [Public Events Framework](#) (PEF) would be shelved for the period 29<sup>th</sup> July to 10<sup>th</sup> August.
- The purpose of the PEF was to set out conditions for the conduct of events in excess of those allowed under the RADs.
- LAVic has multiple large events (typically State & Region events, skills clinics, etc) on its calendar, and hence would be required to register/apply for a PEF permit for each of these.
- For the period 29<sup>th</sup> July until 10<sup>th</sup> August, all events must be run in accordance the restrictions set out in the [Restricted Activity Directions](#) that permit a maximum outdoor event size of 300 attendees.
- DJPR has advised they 'are anticipating a phased return to events operating under the Public Events Framework' post 10<sup>th</sup> August. Further, DJPR are unable to predict what this phased return will look like, or what restrictions will be in place.

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- The restrictions for conducting the State Cross-Country Relay Championships on 14<sup>th</sup> August – an event attracting over 2000 attendees - are unknown. LAVic is not likely to be advised prior to 10<sup>th</sup> August.
- Regrettably, the decision - given the lack of certainty of restrictions in conducting an event of this size, the challenges of finding alternative dates and venues, re-organising suppliers & services etc - has been made to cancel the event.

The 2021 State Cross-Country Championships remains postponed, as previously communicated. LAVic continues to work on reviewing all viable options and will communicate progress in due course.

The LAVic Team.

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