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Victoria

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

Key points

- 2021 State Cross-Country Relay Championships Saturday 14th 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 28th 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 26th August. Confirming there are no updates of significance to Little Athletics to report.

2021 State Cross-Country Relay Championships Saturday 14th August: cancelled

LAVic has made the decision to cancel the State Cross-Country Relay Championships, that were re-scheduled for 14th 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 29th July to 10th 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 29th July until 10th 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 10th 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 14th August – an event attracting over 2000 attendees - are unknown. LAVic is not likely to be advised prior to 10th 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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