

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE



Calendars / Handbooks & Other Registration Items

The Association still has plenty of stock of all registration items, including calendars and handbooks. If Centres require further copies, please contact Chantelle Grills at the Association Office.

Volunteer Grants

The Australian Government has announced that the 2009 Volunteer Grants are now open. Eligible non-profit organisations can apply for funding ranging between \$1000 and \$5000 to support the work of their volunteers. The Volunteer Grants application form and guidelines are available at www.fahcsia.gov.au. Organisations are encouraged to read the guidelines and submit an online application. Further information is also available on the above website or by phoning 1800 183 374.

Applications close on Friday, 25th September, 2009 at 5.00pm.

Annual Conference Questionnaires

The feedback from the Conference questionnaires has now been collated and a copy of the collated responses is available for viewing in the Centre Login Section of the website. The Board of Management are currently reviewing the feedback to determine any changes for future Conferences. Thank you to the 142 delegates who completed the questionnaire.

Regional Conferences

Dates and venues have now been confirmed for the Regional Conferences, as follows: -

Newcastle

Sunday, 27th September, 2009
10.00am – 2.00pm
Club Macquarie, 458 Lake Road, Argenton (near Glendale)

Tamworth

Sunday, 25th October, 2009
9.45am – 3.00pm
West Tamworth Leagues Club, Phillip Street, Tamworth

Dubbo

Sunday, November 15, 2009
9.45am – 3.00pm
Dubbo RSL, Cnr Brisbane & Wingewarra Streets, Dubbo

The 2009 Volunteer Grants are now open. See www.fahcsia.gov.au. Applications close September 25, 2009 at 5pm.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE cont...

Membership Development Sub-Committee

Meeting held on Wednesday, 26th of August. The meeting focused on the Operational Action Plan.

The main points reviewed and discussed were:

- Progress of the guide/checklist/fact sheet for Centres to use when inducting new committee members.
- Need to review the nearly completed guide for New Centres
- Work still to commence on a manual on the requirements for a new athletic facility.
- Several projects we are now working on with other sports, (AFL and Rugby League).
- Ideas on identifying a process for the identification of potential new Centres in both metropolitan and country areas.
- Need to review current information we have on the review of the Zone/Region structure. The main issues are country distances and the evenness of numbers in Zones and Regions.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 14th of October, 2009. The meeting will continue to review and work on the Operational Action Plan.

Registrations for the 2009/2010 season

Current registrations (paid to the Association) are 6030.

We ask that you continue promoting Little Athletics in your area to gain the maximum registrations this season. We have a great family sport which has many advantages over other summer sports (cost, family in one location, range of activities, minimal travel as always competing in the one location, etc); so let's see if we can top 40,000 athlete registrations this season.

Remember to have your registrations entered into the Clubs Online system as active & financial by the 31st of October, to receive the \$5.00 rebate per athlete. Any questions please contact the LAANSW office.

Centre Financial Reviews

As previously advised approximately 50 Centres have been randomly selected for a review of financial reports for the 2008/2009 season. At this stage, there are still 7 of the selected Centres that have not complied with this request. To view the summary of reports supplied per Centre, click [here](#).

Centre Self Audit

Two Centres have offered to assist with the trial of the Centre Self Audit. We would still like the assistance of a couple more Centres. We will liaise with the Centres involved, in the near future.

2010 Centre Grant Scheme

Applications are now open for the 2010 Centre Grant Scheme. To download an application form, click [here](#). Applications close December 31, 2009.

Registrations entered into the Clubs Online database as active and financial by October 31, 2009 will attract a \$5 rebate per athlete.

The 2010 Centre Grant Scheme Application forms are now available. Applications close December 31, 2009

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE cont...

Business Development Advisory Committee

Expressions of Interest are currently being called for the Business Development Advisory Committee and will close on October 2, 2009. To download a copy of the committee guidelines, [click here](#).

CHAMPIONSHIPS & OFFICIALS



Trans Tasman

This month all Centres will receive a promotional DVD regarding the 7-19th January 2010, Trans Tasman Tour to Auckland. We ask that if there are any interested families in your Centre, that you loan them this DVD.

Each Centre will also receive the official entry form (No. 1 Bulletin) for all athletes and parents who wish to accompany the tour as officials. This No. 1 Bulletin will also be on the LAANSW website. Each child will also receive a promotional flyer regarding the tour. We hope that all Centres will assist in distributing all this information to their members.

Don't forget the Trials are on Sunday, 1st November, 2009 at The Crest, Bankstown and entries close on Wednesday, 21st October, 2009.

2009/2010 Region Championships

The dates and venues for the Region Championships this season, have now been confirmed, as follows:-

Region	Date	Venue	Technical Adviser
Region 1	February 27 & 28, 2010	Narrabeen	Greg Dickson
Region 2	February 20 & 21, 2010	Blacktown	Tony Kish
Region 3	February 20 & 21, 2010	Campbelltown	Peter Barnes
Region 4	February 20 & 21, 2010	Tamworth	Neil Sandall
Region 5	February 20 & 21, 2010	Finley	Trevor Hinwood

Heather Mitchell and Dereck Fineberg will attend various Region Championships.

2010/2011 Region Championships

From the 2010/2011 season forward, ALL Region Championships MUST be held on the 3rd full weekend in February.

AWD Rules of Competition

AWD Rules of Competition for the invitation events at the State Championships will be included in the RoC. A simplified set of rules/guidelines will be available for Centre use.

CHAMPIONSHIPS & OFFICIALS

Zone Co-ordinators organise seminars to provide instruction in the rules of competition and how to apply those rules.

Officials Seminars

Zone Coordinators organise seminars to provide instruction in the rules of competition and how to apply those rules. The following is a list of some of the seminars arranged for the current season:-

South West Metropolitan Zone

When Sunday 18th October 9am to 4pm
 Where Oswald Reserve, Oswald Cres Rosemeadow
 Morning Officiating/Judging
 Afternoon Exams (optional)
 Contact Gordon Costello H 96055553 W 96009333 M 0431368603

Mid West Metropolitan Zone

a) Track

When Tuesday 29th September 7 pm
 Where Holroyd Sports Ground, Peel St Holroyd

b) Field

When Saturday 17th October 2pm
 Where C V Kelly Park, Oramzi Rd Girraween

Mid South Coast Zone

Saturday 17th October - St Georges Basin
 Sunday 18th October - Albion Park

Southern Metropolitan Zone

When Sunday 25th October 9am to 11am
 Where The Ridge, Illawong

Officials Advisory Committee

The Officials Director would like to thank the outgoing members of the Officials Advisory Committee, i.e. Rosie Barnes, Phil Blunt, Tony Vecellio and Heather Mitchell, for their assistance over the last two seasons. Thanks also go to Darryl Channells and Maria McConville for their assistance for the first half of the outgoing Committees term.

The following appointments to the Officials Advisory Committee for 2009-2011 have been endorsed:-

- Heather Mitchell
- Lynne Whatman
- Rosie Barnes

Please note: As there are still vacancies on the Committee, nominations will be re-opened for further interest. An email will be sent to all Centres (Officers for Officials & Secretaries) and Association Officials will be asked at the Officials Seminar on September 20, whether there is anyone else who would consider involvement on the Committee.

Nominations for the Officials Advisory Committee have been re-opened.

CHAMPIONSHIPS & OFFICIALS cont...

Officials Accreditation Theory Exams

It has been agreed by the LAANSW Board of Management, on recommendation from the Officials Director, that the Junior D, D and C grade official's accreditation exams will now be open book, with candidates being able to refer to relevant handbooks during the exams.

Association Officials Appointments

Commencing from this season, there will be a Committee which determines the appointment of Association Officials for all Championship events. The Committee will consist of the Officials Director; the Championships Director; the Track Referee and the Field Referee. The Officials Director will appoint the Track Referee and Field Referee. The Committee will meet at the start of the season and determine appointments for all carnivals for the season, based on the availability notifications received. Appointments for the entire season will be advised prior to the first carnival.

DEVELOPMENT



JETS

Little Athletics NSW is launching a new development program during the 2009-2010 season.

What is the JETS program?

The Little Athletics NSW Junior Encouragement & Talent Squad (JETS) aims to recognise, reward and foster emerging talent in the sport. The program gives athletes in the Under 13 – 17 age groups the opportunity to develop their skills, knowledge and performances to a higher level.

What will the program offer?

The program will consist of numerous activities, including coaching days and education workshops, aimed at motivating, encouraging and supporting squad members. The sessions will be conducted by some of New South Wales' leading coaches and performance experts.

Who is eligible?

Any athletes who are registered in the Under 13 to Under 17 age groups who achieve the qualifying standards and agree to the conditions of membership may apply to become a member of the squad.

Where can I find more information?

For more information, including an application form and qualifying standards, see www.laansw.com.au. Phone enquiries should be directed to Little Athletics NSW on 02 9633 4511 or 1800 451 295.

DEVELOPMENT cont...

Updated Heat & Hydration Guidelines will be available for this season.

The State Team Selection Guidelines have been reviewed and updated. See the LAANSW website for details.

Risk Management

The LAANSW Heat & Hydration guidelines are still under review. Updated guidelines will be available for the new season.

2010 State Team

- The 2010 ALAC will be held on Saturday 24th April at the University of Queensland Athletics Track. The University of Queensland is located on Sir Fred Schonnel Drive, St Lucia. The Athletics Track itself is located on Sir William Macgregor Drive.
- The State Team Selection Guidelines have been reviewed and updated. In summary, some of the most significant changes are:
 - The team will no longer be announced at the conclusion of the LAANSW State Track & Field Championships on the Sunday. The team will be finalised on the Monday after the State Championships, and the selected Under 13 athletes will be contacted via telephone by 9pm on that day.
 - The Under 15 athletes will be informed of their selection as soon as it is confirmed following the LAANSW State Multi Event Championships.
 - The selectors will identify reserves in the case that a selected athlete does not or cannot meet the conditions of selection.
 - A new State Team Agreement entitled "Conditions of Selection" will need to be signed by the team member and a parent/guardian. The athlete's place on the team is conditional and dependent on items contained in this document.
 - A new State Team Code of Conduct has been developed to guide the standard of behaviour expected of all team members.

The new LAANSW State Team Selection Policies, Conditions of Selection, and Code of Behaviour will be posted on the website.

It is the responsibility of potential team members and their parents/guardians to read and understand these documents and seek further clarification from LAANSW as required.

The proposed 2010 State Team program includes:

- Team Information Meeting & Training: Sunday, March 28, 2010 (TBC)
- Team Camp 1: Saturday, 3rd April - Monday, 5th April, 2010 (Easter Weekend)
- Team Camp 2: Friday, 16 April - Sunday, 18 April, 2010
- Team in Brisbane: Thursday, 22nd April - Sunday, 25th April, 2010

Anyone hoping to be part of the team should make themselves available on these dates. Attendance is compulsory.