

REMOTE ATHLETE POLICY

Introduction

Little Athletics Queensland (LAQ) is aware that there are a number of young people living in regional Queensland with no Little Athletics Centre in their town or area, and where weekly attendance at a Little Athletics Centre is not practical due to travelling distances. LAQ recognises, however, that while many of these young people cannot attend Little Athletics in a conventional manner some would appreciate the opportunity to take part in events that are exclusive to LAQ members.

What is “Remote Athlete” Membership?

The LAQ “remote” category of membership allows young people who are isolated by distance with a genuine opportunity to become active members of LAQ. Boys and girls that reside 100km or more from the nearest Little Athletics Centre, and who are eligible to compete in the Under 6 to Under 17 age groups, may seek registration directly with LAQ without first having to become a member of a Centre.

The Benefits of Remote Athlete Membership

Remote Athlete members have the opportunity to:

- Enter and compete at one (1) Regional Championship of your choice per season
- Qualify for the LAQ State Championships through participation at the Regional Championships in the same season
- Attend members-only coaching clinics
- Compete as a “visitor” at Little Athletics Centres throughout the state without having to become a member of a Little Athletics Centre.

The Registration Process

Interested individuals may contact the LAQ office (info@laq.org.au / (07) 3892 9400) to obtain a link to register online. Payment, and uploading of proof of age are included in the online registration process.

Proof of residency may also be required to be uploaded at the time of registration.

Cost of Registration

The fee for Remote Athlete membership is the same as the LAQ registration fee charged for normal members of the Association. For this fee, the remote Athlete will receive:

- Eligibility to nominate in Region and State Competitions
- Access to members-only coaching camps and clinics

- A registration number and age patch
- A Little Athletics registration pack
- Insurance coverage for participation in all Little Athletics recognised events.

Other Costs

A Remote Athlete must wear a specific competition uniform to Little Athletics events. The uniform consists of a plain white shirt/singlet and plain black shorts/bike pants.

Insurance

A Remote Athlete has the same insurance cover as a member registered with a Little Athletics Centre, namely, cover is provided for injuries caused solely by active participation in officially organised and sanctioned events, practice and training sessions and official functions including traveling to and from such events.

Communication

LAQ will ensure that Remote Athletes and their families are kept up-to-date with all relevant information. This is done through mail, email and other appropriate methods.

Such information may include the date, location and entry procedures for Championship events and the organisation of coaching activities in the members' area.

State Team Eligibility

To be considered for the LAQ State Team, Remote Athletes must:

- Attend one (1) Regional Championship in the season of eligibility
- Qualify for the LAQ State Championships through participation at the Regional Championship in the same season
- Compete at the LAQ State Championships in the season of eligibility

All other State Team eligibility will be as per the State Team guidelines. Refer to the State Team guidelines for further information.

Version History

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