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Today, we have officially gone LIVE with our new National membership platform, Sport:80!

The platform can be accessed via: laq.sport80.com

The platform has been soft launched over the past 6 months for over 1,000 Ultimate Athletics registrations, and today is now live for Winter Centres, and your athletes to use.

Sport:80 will provide everyone in Little Athletics with a singular system to interact with our sport, whether they are an athlete, a parent, a coach, an official, or anyone else. Queensland is the first state to transition to this national platform, and excitingly for the first time ever, this will mean all Little Athletics Queensland Centres will use the same platform, follow the same processes and have one system as the single source of truth.

Winter Centres now have access to set up their portals and commence taking registrations. Summer Centres will obtain access in April 2025 following the conclusion of the current season.

What do Centres need to do, to set themselves up?

- 1. One member has been set up as a Super User Admin.** This member will need to go to laq.sport80.com and set a password before gaining access to your Centres account. If you are unsure who this is, please contact info@laq.org.au.
- 2. Set up committee members as Role Holders**
 - Log in and switch to your Centre account
 - Select *Edit > Add Role*
 - Follow the on screen flow to add the details of the committee member.
 - The committee member will need go to laq.sport80.com and set their password before gaining access.
- 3. Set up a Stripe account** to receive payments and accept registrations. This will need to be a connected account with Sport:80 and therefore, the Stripe account needs to be set up from the Sport:80 Platform.
 - Log in and switch to your Centre account
 - Click on the *Finance Admin Panel > Stripe > Add Merchant*
 - Follow the on screen flow to set up a new Stripe account
 - Once complete, you will be re-directed to the Platform
 - Alternatively, Stripe can be set up from the *Centre Membership Fee Admin* section, under *Stripe Merchants*.



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4. Create registration products

- Log in and switch to your Centre account.
- In the left menu, select *Centre Membership Admin* > Create Centre Membership
- Complete name, logo, and certification
- Click *Save*
- You will be directed to set up the 'Types'.
 - a) Full Membership
 1. In the *Centre Membership Admin*, click *Types*.
 2. There will be a selection of templates available - these are shown in the top right with "+Add".
 3. Click on the membership type to use, "+Add Membership".
 4. A second form will load to be completed - this form manages the options for the membership types (e.g., price, name, etc)
 5. Click *Save*
 - b) Trialists
 1. In the *Centre Membership Admin*, click *Types*.
 2. There will be a selection of templates available - these are shown in the top right with "+Add".
 3. Click on the "+Add Trial Membership".
 4. A second form will load to be completed - this form manages the options for the membership types (e.g., price, name, etc)
 5. Click *Save*
- To edit details or logos for your Centre membership, navigate to the tab *Edit Centre Memberships* within the *Centre Membership Fees Admin*.

5. Send an email to previous members to invite them to create an account and register for the new season.

All members from previous seasons will have their data migrated to Sport:80 from Timing Solutions, saving them time during the registration process. When Centres are ready to open for registrations, please contact Ngaire Hollands in the LAQ office. An activation email will be sent to your members on your Centres behalf.

6. Create and share your registration link to start accepting registrations!

- In the *Centre Membership Admin*, click *Types*.
- In the top right corner select *Action*. The option of a registration link or QR Code will be available.

If you have any queries along this process, please reach out to our Membership Services Officer, Ngaire Hollands via info@laq.org.au or (07) 3892 9400.

So, what has changed, and why is Sport:80 the future for Little Athletics?

Sport:80 provides the ability for Centre committees to manage their membership in a more powerful way.

Sport:80 is a complete membership management system allowing committees to report on their members, break them into segments (e.g. athletes who have a disability), and communicate more easily with all of your members. It will allow you to collate volunteers, officials and parents information and understand how long they have been involved with your Centre and allow you to report on payments, membership status and membership retention, amongst others.

Sport:80 allows you to manage triallists all in an easy online system.

Registration for trials can be setup alongside regular, full registration. This allows you to have them set up as regular members, record results and communicate important messages with them, all while they trial the sport. At the end of their trial they will automatically become inactive, but their details remain in the system and parents can easily convert their trial into a full membership. No more paper, and no more cash!

Sport:80 allows you to collect EOI's throughout the year.

We all know that new athletes want to join year-round even when you have closed off registrations for the year. With Sport:80, when you are in the off-season, interested athletes can fill out an EOI, so you have their details ready to send them a message to join when the new season commences.

Sport:80 will allow you to set up events, coaching clinics and collect RSVP's for presentation day. You can also sell merchandise, uniforms or even fundraise.

The opportunities are endless, but with the ability to set up an event with custom registration fields, you can keep all of your member interactions in one place. Plus, from a members profile page, you will be able to see their entire registration and payment history, not just for the current season, but throughout their history in the sport.

Data synchronises to ResultsHQ

A background API exists between Sport:80 and ResultsHQ allowing you to continue managing a competition meet as you currently are. This process requires just a couple of clicks within ResultsHQ to allow for seamless centre meets. This process can be found via [this link](#). It is important that athlete details (e.g. bib number, date of birth) are not changed in ResultsHQ or it risks creating issues with collation of athlete's results due to incorrect data.

Unique bib numbers will allow athletes to keep their personalised number for their lifetime involvement in Little Athletics.

All athletes will be automatically assigned a personalised number which they will retain for their entire involvement in the sport. This will reduce the workload of volunteers who no longer need to manually assign numbers each season, while also providing additional options to improve the process further in future seasons. More information on this change will be shared within the next week.

Payments are automatically split between your Centre, LAQ & LAA removing the manual processes that currently occur. Please note however, that while we await further information from the Queensland Government about development of an API, there will be a manual process involved for the reconciliation of payments for FairPlay vouchers. This will be covered during the training workshops.

Reduced platform fees for Centres.

A 1% fee will be charged for all transactions processed through Sport:80, significantly lower than previous platforms. This fee will be absorbed by each individual party collecting money, meaning Centres will no longer cover the fees for the LAQ or LAA component. There will be an additional card processing fee of 2.75% + 30c added to all transactions which will be borne by the end-user, and not by the Centre.

What's next?

LAQ is conducting a series of workshops designed to provide Winter Centres with the information and skills they need to navigate this change. If you have not RSVP'd for one of the below sessions, [you can do so here](#).

Location	Date
Bundaberg	Saturday February 22 @ 2pm
Online	Thursday February 27 @ 6.30pm

Additional workshops are being planned for Summer Centres later in the year, including at the LAQ Conference in June.

All Centres are reminded that **Sport:80 will be the only platform available for registrations** for Little Athletics in season 2025/26 and beyond as our agreements with Timing Solutions and GameDay have expired. For clarity, our agreement with Timing Solutions for the use of ResultsHQ continues until at least March 31, 2026, and we are actively looking at solutions beyond that date.

We know that technology transitions are never perfect, so our Membership Services Officer, Ngaire Hollands is on hand to answer any queries and help via info@laq.org.au or (07) 3892 9400. Additionally, if you notice any errors or something seems confusing, please let us know so we can alert the Sport:80 team.

Importantly, there are also several key developments still underway with Sport:80 as we continue to improve the system which we will be excited to share as they become available.
