

The Role of a Team Manager



The Team Manager is a vital position for Centres at major competitions to ensure all athletes and families have a positive experience. Their primary responsibility is to be the point of contact for the competition organisers and officials, as well as the athletes and parents leading up to and during the competition.

The information within this booklet is intended as a guide for those taking on the Team Manager role.

Your Centre may also have additional duties assigned to, or information relevant to the Centre's Team Manager's role. It is advisable to speak with your Centre Committee to check if this is the case.

The TEAM MANAGER

Ideally a Team Manager should be:

- Familiar with the rules of competition
- Familiar with the LAQ Policies e.g. Uniform Policy
- Confident and familiar with communicating with athletes and parents
- Able to prompt or delegate fellow Centre members to assist in the Team Manager role or to volunteer their assistance on the arena
- A Blue Card holder



From the LAQ HANDBOOKS

Refer to Rule 5. of the Competition Rules & Regulations

1. The Team Manager shall not be a Competition Official.
2. At LAQ Competitions where a Centre has athletes nominated, the Centre shall designate one or more person(s) to be the Team Manager(s).
3. The Team Manager(s) must be available at the arena, prior to the start of, and during the events where the Centre has athletes competing and be responsible for:
 - i. Ensuring all competing Centre athletes are aware of event times, along with call times for their respective events.
 - ii. Ensuring all competing Centre athletes report to the Call Room or event areas when called.
 - iii. Ensuring all athletes are in correct Centre uniform before marshalling for events.
 - iv. Advising the relative Call Room Judge(s) or Recording Manager of any withdrawal from events.
4. Act on behalf of the Centre in matters forthcoming to the Centre i.e. Protests, Jury of Appeal. The Team Manager is the ONLY person who can lodge a protest on behalf of a Centre athlete.

Refer to Rule 7 of the Competition Rules & Regulations

Protests may only be lodged at the Combined Event Championships, the State Relays & State Championships, the Regional Relays & Regional Championships.

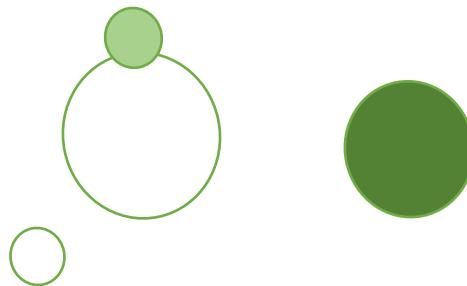
1. No person other than the Team Manager as the representative so nominated by the Centre shall be entitled to query decisions, or lodge protests or appeals.
- 3 Any Centre failing to comply with this rule will forfeit the right to protest or appeal. **Team Managers** names MUST be signed in with the Regional Competition Coordinator (Regional Competitions) / Information area (Association Competitions) per the prescribed manner.

Quick Protests Points

- Protests (verbal) must be made within 15 minutes of the event finishing
- \$55 is paid when verbal protest is reported
- The written protest must be lodged on the prescribed form within 30 minutes of the event finishing
- Written protests must include relevant rule references

BEFORE COMPETITION

- Be sure you have all the updated information for the competition
- Consider creating a running sheet for each day or session
- Consider creating a check-in list for athletes
- Find out if a Team Manager's meeting will be held, and if so what time and where
- Know the address of the competition grounds
- Be familiar with the competition grounds and where key areas are, e.g. Call Room, First Aid, Recording Manager
- Advise attending families / athletes where you plan to set up and how they can find you
- If happy to do so, provide your phone number to nominated families so you can be contacted in the event of withdrawals or late arrivals; or obtain the phone numbers of families attending in case you need to contact them.
- Organise help to setup your Centre area
- Be familiar with specific competition procedures, e.g. when and how to advise Relay team changes
- Have your Team Manager's kit checked and ready



ON THE DAY OF COMPETITION

As soon as possible:

- Check-in and enquire if there have been any changes to the event order or issues that Team Managers should be aware of
- Set-up your Centre area (with help)
- Collect any papers (or items) that are being provided to Team Managers

Throughout the day:

- Advise the Recording Manager of any known withdrawals or alterations (as per competition requirements)
- Listen out for announcements, be aware of all marshalling times
- Notify the Call Room of withdrawals
- Update your running sheet as required
- Deal with any issues that may arise with parents and athletes
- Ensure parents are assisting on the arena per the agreed requirements for your Centre or as announcements are made
- Collect or gather results as necessary
- Be prepared for disqualifications

SUGGESTED TEAM MANAGER'S KIT\

Information Resources for the Competition Day

- The LAQ Competition Rules and Regulations Handbook
- WA Handbook
- Codes of Conduct
- Program of events or full program
- Full list of competing athletes and nominated events
- Cash or card that can cover protest fees, should the need arise
- Venue layout if available
- Basic first aid items
- Pens, highlighters, pencil, folder
- Safety pins
- Spare Centre uniform items e.g. shirts, shorts
- Spare rego labels
- Black tape to cover-up uniform faux pas
- Sunscreen
- Cups for water and water barrel
- Bin or rubbish bag
- A banner or a tent for athletes to use or at least identify where you will be sitting.

It is best if everybody sits together ☺