

The following are changes to the Competition Handbook that have been endorsed by Little Athletics Australia, LAQ Board and or the LAQ membership.

Unless stated otherwise against the specific rule, all changes will be implemented immediately.

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#### Added Rule *(for clarification on the required specifications)*

##### 2.4. Relay Batons

##### 2.4.1. The baton specifications are:

- a) Diameter 32mm (+/- 2mm)
- b) Length minimum - 280mm, maximum - 300mm
- c) Weight minimum - 50g

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#### Altered Clauses *(to clarify current practices)*

##### 3.2.7. Uniform Infringements

If an athlete arrives at the Call Room or is on the arena and found to be out of uniform, the following procedure shall be followed:

- a) Athletes in the U13 and older age groups may be approached directly on the arena or in the Call Room and be given a verbal warning for a uniform infringement without the presence of a Team Manager. These age groups are to be advised that they may continue to compete in that event if time does not allow the infringement to be fixed prior the event or that the infringement must be rectified prior to their next event. '17 03 08
- b) Athletes in the U12 and younger age groups will not be approached. However, Team Managers will be called to ensure that the uniform infringement be rectified prior to their next event. '17 03 08

#### Altered Clause *(registrations numbers will be taken from two week prior close of noms)*

- 5.7.8. a) The Small Centres (less than 75 registered U9 – U17 athletes) will be identified at the commencement of the summer season for that season based on the Centres' registration numbers two weeks prior to the close of nominations for that Region. '17 09 14

#### Altered Clause *(per Conference Resolution – tidy up)*

- 5.8.5. The location of Regional Championships within a Region to be determined on a rotational basis or as determined by the Regional Committee. BoD 6 ('17)

#### Added Rule *(Clarification of age grouping and procedure)*

- 5.8.13. Classified Para-athletes placings will be calculated in age groups U9 & U10's, U11 & U12's, U13 & U14's, and U15 – U17's; and based on a percentage calculation across Para classifications. '16 09 14

#### Altered Clause *(‘ResultsHQ’ added to clarify current practice)*

- 6.2.2 Regional Competition nominations must be provided to the Association Office through ResultsHQ or as a Team Manager import file by the required date and time.

#### Altered Clause *(‘either of the systems detailed above’ to clarify current practice)*

- 6.2.3. For each Regional Competition, Centres that do not use either of the systems detailed above to supply nominations will be charged a \$50.00 administration fee per Competition, as well as \$1.00 per athlete nomination. Centres cannot pass this fee onto its athletes or parents; it is an administration fee ONLY.

#### Altered Clause *(per Conference Resolution – 2 additional individual events nominations allowed)*

- 6.2.7. Competitors who nominate for the U15 to U17 Heptathlon for the Regional Championships or State (and Winter) Championships may also nominate for two (2) individual events. GC 10 ('17)

**Returned Clause** *(per Conference Resolution above – clarification on conduct at Regional Championships)*

- 5.3.3 c) At Regionals only, should an athlete choose to nominate in individual events that are the same as their Multi events, the following would apply
- i. Athletes would compete in both events
    - The programmed Multi events for Multi points and
    - The individual events to qualify for the event final or top eight
  - ii. Where the Multi is not set down as a separate event
    - Multi point will be taken from the heat time and
    - The first three trials in the field events
    - Additional three trials will be allowed if the competitor has also entered in an individual event and qualifies as one of the final eight competitors (excluding High Jump).

**Added Rule** *(to provide a rule that supports expectations)*

- 7.6.2. For Discus, all throws shall be made from an enclosure or cage to ensure the safety of spectators, officials and athletes. '16 10 12

**Altered Rule** *(changed the word 'should' to 'may')*

- 9.3.3. In deciding on infringements, Referees may consult with the competitors and other Officials involved, before making decisions. '17 01 11