

# The Structure of Little Athletics

## Little Athletics Australia

Nationally, Little Athletics is organised by Little Athletics Australia (LAA). The policy making body of LAA is the Board of Management which comprises an Executive of four together with the Chairman/President of each affiliated State or Territory Association. The Executive positions consist of a President, Administration and Finance Director and Competition and Standards Director.

These positions are elected for a 2 year term from nominations received from affiliated Associations and voted on by each of the affiliated Associations.

## State Associations

The control and direction of the Little Athletics movement in the State is vested in the Board of Management.

The members of the Board of Management are elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association by votes from affiliated Centres.

The Board of Management is made up of eight positions and has a variety of roles, including such things as: the running of all State Championships and Association conducted events, obtaining sponsorship and/or Government assistance, provision of publications/information, education of Coaches and Officials, guidance and support for all Centres and their Executive, conducting meetings and conferences, provision of paperwork etc.

## Regions/Zones

In most State/Territories, Centres are grouped together to form Zones and/or Regions. This grouping usually occurs on a geographical basis.

The Zone/Region executive is made up of representatives from each of its Centres.

The tasks at a Zone/Region level include: organisation of Association championships at this level, coordination and assistance with education and development programs, assistance, advice and support for new or struggling Centres.

The Zone/Region is, in other words, the arm of the Association, at a local level. This arm disseminates, gathers and shares information of mutual interest throughout the whole Association.

Regular meetings between representatives of each Centre within a Zone or Region is important for its successful operation. The timing and venues of such meetings are decided upon by the Centres.

## Centre

The Centre is the body that organises and conducts the weekly competitions for all athletes. Each Centre has an elected Committee of Management that is responsible for the administration and conduct of the Centre's affairs. Centres design their own program and timetable each week, coordinate the activities of voluntary workers, register members with the State Association, ensure all details of equipment, recording, finance, promotions etc are arranged, conduct regular meetings etc.