



REGULATION 10 – ZONE AND REGION STRUCTURE

DEFINITIONS

"Act" means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

"AGM" or "Annual General Meeting" means the annual General Meeting of the Company required to be held in each calendar year under the Act.

"Appointed Director" means a Director appointed under clause 17.

"LAA" means Australian Little Athletics Inc. trading as Little Athletics Australia.

"Board" means the body consisting of the Directors.

"Club" means a Little Athletics club which is affiliated with a Little Athletics Centre.

"Company" means Little Athletics NSW Ltd.

"Competitive Member" means an Individual Member who is a child or young person (as defined in the Regulations) and who is registered with the Company and participates in Little Athletics and/or skill related activities organised and conducted by the Company or any of its Members.

"Constitution" means the Constitution of the Company.

"Financial Year" means the year commencing on 1 April and ending on 31 March the following year.

"Individual Member" means:

- (a) a competitive member, being a child or young person (as defined in the Regulations) and who is registered with the Company and participates in Little Athletics and/or skill related activities organised and conducted by the Company or any of its Members.
- (b) any parent or legal guardian of any person who is an Individual Member under part (a) of this definition.
- (c) any individual who is a volunteer, coach or other official who is associated with the Company.
- (d) any coach providing coaching services to the Company, a Little Athletics Centre or an Individual Member.
- (e) any person who is a committee member of a Little Athletics Centre; or
- (f) any person who meets the criteria for membership as an Individual Member which are set out in the Regulations from time to time.

"Little Athletics" means the sport of athletics for children and young people between the ages of 3 and 17 years which is governed by the Company and LAA.

"Little Athletics Centre" means a Little Athletics Centre recognised by the Company as a Member under clauses 5.1(a) and 6.1 and which is responsible for administering Little Athletics competitions and Clubs within its local area.

“Member” means a member for the time being of the Company under clause 5 of the Constitution.

“Objects” means the objects of the Company in clause 3 of the Constitution.

"Official Position" means a person who:

- (a) is a Delegate or Zone Coordinator.
- (b) holds the position of president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, or registrar (or equivalent position) of a Little Athletics Centre.
- (c) is employed by a Little Athletics Centre on a full or part time (including casual) basis.

“Register” means a register of Members kept and maintained in accordance with clause 7 of the Constitution.

“Regulations” mean any Regulations made by the Board under clause 40 of the Constitution.

"Zone" means an area of New South Wales having boundaries as determined by the Board from time to time and which includes such Little Athletics Centres as have been assigned to that geographic area by the Board.

"Zone Coordinator" means the person who has been elected under clause 22(a) to undertake the duties set out in the Regulations.

10.1 PURPOSE

This Regulation sets out further details concerning Zones and Regions and outlines their operation. This Regulation is made under Clause 40 and will be interpreted in accordance with the Constitution of Little Athletics NSW Ltd.

10.2 OVERVIEW

Affiliated Little Athletics Centres shall be allocated by the Company to specific Zones on a geographic basis. These Zones shall be further grouped by the Company into appropriate geographic Regions.

10.3 RATIONALE FOR ZONES

The rationale behind the existence of Zones is to break down the number of Little Athletics Centres in the State to a manageable number for the conduct of Zone Carnivals, the effective administration of Little Athletics Centres within the locale and the development of decentralised support networks.

10.4 ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF ZONES

- a) The Company may, after appropriate consultation with the relevant Little Athletics Centres, change, create or abolish a Zone and re-allocate the existing Little Athletics Centres to another Zone.
- b) Each Zone shall be administered by the Zone Coordinator. The list of duties for Zone Coordinators is contained in Regulation 9.
- c) The Zone Coordinator, if they so desire, may appoint an executive generally comprised from representatives of the Little Athletics Centres within the Zone, to assist in the administrative functions of the Zone.
- d) The Company shall allocate new Little Athletics Centres to the relevant geographic Zone. Such decision will follow consultation with the relevant Zone Coordinator.
- e) Zones may establish a bank account for the purpose of facilitating the payment of costs and collection of income associated with the administration and conduct of the Zone.
- f) In the event that Little Athletics Centres within a Zone are changed, nominated funds in the original Zone may be transferred to another Zone after agreement between the relevant Zone Coordinators.

10.5 ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF REGIONS

- a) The Company may, after appropriate consultation with the relevant Zones, change, create or abolish a Region and re-allocate Zones between Regions.
- b) The primary responsibility of a Region is to organise and conduct the Region Championships.
- c) Each Region shall be administered by a person (Region Coordinator) selected by the Zone Coordinators allocated to that Region.
- d) The Zone Coordinators allocated to a Region will elect an executive to assist in the administrative functions of the Region.
- e) The Company shall allocate Zones to the relevant geographic Region. Such decision will follow consultation with the relevant Zone Coordinators.
- f) Regions shall establish a bank account for the purpose of facilitating the payment of costs and collection of income associated with the conduct of the Region Championships.
- g) In the event that Zones within a Region are changed, nominated funds in the original Region may be transferred to another Region after agreement between the relevant Zone Coordinators.

10.6 ZONE AND REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a) Each Zone shall conduct a Zone Championship for age groups U7 to U17, generally following a program of events established by the Company.
- b) Athletes in U8 to U17 age groups will qualify to the Region Championships by a combination of placings and performances at the Zone Championships.
- c) Committees must be established to undertake all preparations for and manage the Zone/Region Championships. The structure for the Region Committee is to be agreed by the Company.
- d) Following the completion of the Zone and Region Championships, reports on relevant aspects of the championship are to be provided to the Company.

10.7 PERIODIC REVIEW

The Company will carry out a review of the Zone and Region structure every 3 to 5 years to determine whether the current division is still servicing the needs of Little Athletics Centres and members. The review needs to take into account population growth; the number, formation, or decline in Little Athletics Centres; the number of Competitive Members and any other demographic changes.