



## **REGULATION 12 – ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RULES OF COMPETITION FOR ATHLETIC CARNIVALS CONDUCTED BY OR ON BEHALF OF LITTLE ATHLETICS NSW**

### 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.

## **12.1 PURPOSE**

This Regulation sets down the administrative and procedural requirements of the Company for the adoption and/or change of the Rules of Competition for Athletic Carnivals conducted by or on behalf of the Company. This Regulation is made under Clause 40 and will be interpreted in accordance with the Constitution of Little Athletics NSW Ltd.

## **12.2 DEFINITIONS**

Annual Conference means the annual strategic forum of the Company, generally held on the same weekend as the Annual General Meeting of the Company and referred to in Regulation 13.

## **12.3 COMPETITION RULES**

a) All carnivals conducted by or on behalf of the Company are to abide by the rules of the World Athletics with respect to competition and the conduct of events, where no specific Little Athletics Australia (LAA) or Little Athletics NSW rule or determination exists.

- b) The requirements for competition for all Carnivals conducted by or on behalf of Little Athletics NSW are set down in the Rules of Competition (prepared by the Company). These requirements are to be used as a guide to Little Athletics Centres when operating competitions. The Rules of Competition do not form part of this Regulation.

#### **12.4 CHANGES TO COMPETITION RULES**

- a) The Board may propose new rules of competition or alterations to existing rules of competition for athletic carnivals conducted by or on behalf of the Company from time to time. These shall be considered by the Competition and Championships Advisory Committee
- b) In addition to considering new rules and/or rule changes proposed by the Board, the Competition and Championships Advisory Committee may introduce new rules of competition and make alterations to existing rules of competition for athletic carnivals conducted by or on behalf of the Company from time to time.
- c) Following consideration of any new rule or rule change by the Competition and Championships Advisory Committee, these considerations will be presented to the Board and will include a rationale as to the reasons the new rule or rule change was endorsed or rejected. The Board shall then consider the recommendations of the Competition and Championships Advisory Committee prior to endorsing (or otherwise) the proposed rules. The new rules or alterations, once approved by the Board shall be communicated to Little Athletics Centres within twenty-eight (28) days.
- d) The Board, Little Athletics Centres or Zones may propose discussion items for the introduction of new rules of competition, or changes to existing ones, to be considered at the Annual Conference, as long as these do not seek to alter standard rules of competition for those events as sanctioned by LAA, or unless the proposal will result in the breach of any law or safety requirement or will result in an unacceptable risk to the Company.
- e) For a proposal to be considered as a discussion item at the Annual Conference it must be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive Officer by the published closing date which shall be not less than forty (40) days prior to the Annual Conference; signed by the chairperson of the meeting at which the item was approved and one other member in attendance at the meeting; and contain an explanation as to the reasons behind the submission of the item.
- f) Where an item is put forward as a discussion item to the Annual Conference, the item shall be dealt with in accordance with the standing orders for the meeting.
- g) The Rules of Competition will only be formally updated once per calendar year prior to the commencement of the Little Athletics season.

#### **12.5 POLL ON DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a) An indication of member support for each discussion item formally heard at the Annual Conference may be obtained through a 'straw poll' of voting members.
- b) The 'straw poll' will be conducted in the following manner: -
- i) Voting members present at the Annual Conference may indicate their support or otherwise for the discussion item through a show of hands (including proxies).
- ii) Voting members not able to attend the Annual Conference in person or by proxy will be entitled to participate in the poll by advising their preference on an approved form. The approved form has to be signed by the voting member and is to be received by the Returning Officer no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled start of the Annual Conference