



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

### **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 International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF) 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 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. The new rules or alterations shall be notified to Little Athletics Centres within twenty-eight (28) days.
- b) 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. The new rules or alterations shall be notified to Little Athletics Centres within twenty-eight (28) days.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) 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.

## **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.