



Little Athletics Australia Selection process for the Under 15 National Camp

ABLE BODY ATHLETES:

1. States will be required to forward their STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS (i.e. TRACK and FIELD and MULTI CHAMPIONSHIPS) to the LAA office as soon as possible after their completion of the event.
2. LAA will then calculate the QUALIFYING STANDARDS for the NATIONAL CAMP using the following formula:
 - TOP 3 RESULTS IN EACH EVENT WILL BE ADDED TOGETHER AND THEN DEVIDED BY 21 (IE THE NUMBER OF ATHLETE RESULTS)
 - TOP 3 results added together / 21 = QUALIFYING STANDARD for that event. Where there are less than 21 athletes in a particular event then the figure will be divided by the number of actual athlete results.
3. LAA will then RANK the athletes who have qualified 1 to? -: best qualifier (#1) to the final qualifier based on qualifying standards. This number may vary from event to event.
4. States will then be forwarded a list of ATHLETES from their state who have qualified for the camp in the various events based on this RANKING. In the event an athlete has qualified for more than one event then they will be given the option to pick which 'one' they would like to specialise in for the camp.
5. LAA preference is to have 3 males and 3 females per each individual event that qualify – 6 athletes x 14 = 84 athletes. However, this may be adjusted at the discretion of the LAA office.
6. If an ATHLETE in a particular event, who has been invited (BASED on the TOP 3 RANKED ATHLETES AFTER QUALIFYING STANDARDS HAVE BEEN CALCUTAED), declines the offer, then the NEXT ATHLETE in the ranking of that event will be invited. The same process occurs in the situation where an athlete has been picked for more than one event and they have chosen their preferred event.
7. Where there are not 3 athletes who qualify, then the LAA office may adjust the qualifying standard OR allocate this spot to another event.
8. Athletes will be invited to attend based on LAA QUALIFYING STANDARDS and may result in more coming from one state as compared to other states.
9. The LAA office will also take under consideration athlete nominations from States or Territories of athletes that weren't able to compete at their State or Territory Track and Field and/or Multi Championships due to injury or another special circumstance.
10. LAA may also take into consideration athletes results from the Junior Nationals and All Schools but first priority for selection is the State or Territories Little Athletics State Championships.

COMBINED (MULTI) EVENT ATHLETES

- 14 MULTI Athletes will be invited = 1 Male and 1 Female from each of the state or territories. Initially this would be the winner from that State or Territory but may need to be the runner up or third placed athlete if required.

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MULTI CLASS ATHLETES

LAA will consider all nominations (A nomination form provided to each Member Association will need to be completed) for the camp from the Under 13 to Under 15 age groups inclusive. LAA encourages applications to be made, even if there is some uncertainty about meeting the criteria.

1. Athletes need to be registered Little Athlete for season 2021-2022 (for Championship participation) and 2022-2023.

2. Athletes need to be EITHER formerly classified by a recognised organisation, prior to being considered for the camp, OR in the process of seeking a classification to the satisfaction of LAA.

Classification All multi-class athletes must have received or be in the process of achieving at minimum, a provisional classification **PRIOR** to the event.

Classification is a recognised way of grouping athletes of similar function or ability for the purpose of competition. Classification exists to try and create a “fair” competition amongst athletes with different disabilities.

The following disabilities can currently be classified for athletics and therefore be eligible* to compete in the multi-class events and be eligible* for the camp:

- T/F 01 Hearing impairment (Deaf Sport classes)
- T/F 11-13 Visual impairment (Paralympic Classes)
- F 31 – Athletes with hypertonia, ataxia or athetosis who compete sitting (Paralympic Classes)
- T/F 32-34 Athletes with hypertonia, ataxia or athetosis who compete sitting (Paralympic Classes)
- T/F 35-38 Athletes with hypertonia, ataxia or athetosis who compete standing (Paralympic Classes)
- T/F 40-41 Athletes with Short Stature (Paralympic Classes)
- T/F 42-44 Athletes with a lower limb deficiency competing without prosthesis – affected by leg length difference, impaired muscle power or impaired passive range of movement (Paralympic Classes)
- T/F 45-46 Athletes with an upper limb deficiency – affected by impaired muscle power or impaired passive range of movement (Paralympic Classes)
- T 47 Athletes with an upper limb deficiency – affected by impaired muscle power or impaired passive range of movement (Paralympic Classes)
- T 51-54 Wheelchair (Track Events) (Paralympic Classes)
- F 51-57 Wheelchair (Field Events) (Paralympic Classes)
- T/F 60 Transplant Recipients (Transplant Sport classes)
- T/F 61-64 Athletes with a lower limb deficiency competing with a prosthetic – affected by limb deficiency / leg length difference (Paralympic Classes)

3. Initially Athlete will have ideally competed at their Regional or State Championships in the year prior;

This will be subject to exemption in the case of injury, exceptional circumstances that meant they weren't able to compete, not having joined little Athletics before, or the events in which the athlete is considered to have potential were not offered at Regional or State Championships.

In this case, State and Territory bodies are encouraged to identify athletes who may have potential in **ANY** of the events offered at Little Athletics and accept results for Schools Regional or State competitions for the purposes of identifying potential athletes. State and Territory bodies are encouraged to use the School Qualifying standards for their relevant State or Territory as a guide, or to refer the results to LAA for consideration. If in doubt, LAA encourages the athlete to be nominated.

4. Each application should include a short (no more than 100 words) statement from the child or their parents setting out their journey in athletics so far, including any barriers they have faced, and their goals and aspirations for the future.

5. Each applicant or nomination needs to be endorsed through the State Association prior to being forwarded to Coles Little Athletics Australia.

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