

# THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION INC.

## STATE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007/2008

SANTOS STADIUM - Mile End

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2008

### 5 Event Specific Rules

#### 5.1 Specified Dates

Nominations Close: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008 (at 3:00pm)

Registration Cut Off: 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007

Qualification Period: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007 to 25<sup>th</sup> February 2008

#### 5.2 General Information

1. The rules of this event are specified in the following pages, and should be read in conjunction with the General Rules of Competition.

#### 5.3 Eligibility

##### 5.3.1 General

To be able to enter this competition, athletes must be registered with the association by the registration cut off date.

##### 5.3.2 Qualifications

1. Athletes must have met the qualifying standard for the nominated events on at least two occasions within the specified Qualification Period.
2. Qualifying standards for track events are set based on hand times. Times recorded by fully automated electronic timing systems may be adjusted as per General Rule 1.9.1 for comparison with qualifying standards.
3. Athletes must have "competed with their Centre/Club" (see definition below) for a minimum of 50% of available meets from the day of their registration to the end of the Qualification Period.
4. The term "Competed with their Centre/Club" means have taken part in at least half of the available events with their Centre at a programmed home meet or at a programmed visit to another Centre/Club which is registered with the SALAA or at a programmed Association meet.
5. Qualification criteria must be certified by the athlete's Centre recorder as part of the entry form.
6. Spot Checks of eligibility will be performed by Association officials.
7. Performances achieved at a visited Centre are only valid for qualification purposes when both of the following conditions have been met:
  - (a) The performance has been recorded by the Recorder of the visited Centre
  - (b) The performance has been verified by the athlete's own Centre Recorder either by telephone or in writing
8. Athletes who are unable to meet all of the above qualification requirements due to illness or injury, or other satisfactory reason, may appeal in writing to the Competition and Technical Director (c/o the Association Office) to have certain eligibility requirements waived to enable them to compete.

#### 5.4 Nominations

1. Athletes wishing to compete at this meeting are required to nominate (through their Centre) prior to the meeting.
2. The mail address for nominations is P.O. Box 146 Torrensville Plaza, SA 5031.
3. Nominations will be received at this address up to the Nominations Close Date.
4. Parents/athletes must therefore ensure that they provide nominations to their Centre in sufficient time to ensure that they can be forwarded and received by the Association Office by the closing time. Late entries are unable to be accepted.
5. Athletes may nominate for a maximum of five events only.

## 5.5 Events Provided

1. All standard events (except Relays and Cross Country) will be provided for each of the Under 9 to Under 17 age groups.
2. The number of events that an athlete can compete in is limited to five.
3. Should there be too many entries for a particular event, the Competition and Technical Director may limit the fields to a manageable number. Performances on entry forms will be used to assist this process.

## 5.6 Entry Fees

1. The Santos Stadium has been hired at considerable cost to the Association for this meeting.
2. To help cover such costs a nomination fee for competitors has been set at **\$2.50 per event**.
3. The nomination fee must accompany the entry form.
4. Please note that a gate fee also applies for adults entering the Santos Stadium. This gate fee is set and collected by the stadium management, not SA Little Athletics.

## 5.7 Centre Responsibilities

Promote this meeting at the Centre and ensure that athletes and parents are aware of this competition and the rules and conditions of entry.

## 5.8 Parent Responsibilities

Parents are to provide full support to the running of events including reporting to the specified marshalling and events on time and to personally arrange alternatives if unable to attend at the allocated time.

## 5.9 Marshalling

1. Athletes are required to report to their designated marshalling area 15 minutes for Track Events and 30 minutes for Field Events prior to scheduled start time of each event.
2. Where an athlete fails to marshal prior to the event being ready to leave the marshalling area, then that athlete will not be permitted to join the event.
3. Parents acting as officials are required to report to their allocated event 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of their time-slot.

## 5.10 Special Competition Rules

1. Changes to the program, rules or other conditions will be announced over the public address system. The onus is on competitors to be aware of any changes.
2. Every athlete must compete in their own age group.
3. A competitor may leave a field event to take part in a track event, but only after notifying the official in charge of that field event.
4. A competitor may rejoin a field event after returning from a track event. The competitor will rejoin at the current status of the event (not the status existing when the competitor left it to compete at the track event).
5. A competitor is not permitted to join a field event after it has started unless the official in charge of that event has been notified beforehand that the athlete will be delayed by a clash in their events.
6. Where more than one heat is programmed for a particular event, and only sufficient athletes report to fill only one heat, then at the discretion of the Arena Manager, that heat may be run as a final.
7. The only persons permitted to enter the competition area are those athletes involved in an event and others directly involved in officiating of an event or the meeting generally, except with the express approval of the Arena Manager.
8. Pacing or Coaching in the arena or any other competition area, or in any marshalling area is prohibited.
9. Any breach of the rules of this competition renders the competitor liable to disqualification.

## 5.11 High Jump Bar

As per standard rules listed in the Modified Rules for Little Athletics – Officials Club Handbook.

## 5.12 Practice Jumps and Throws

Practice trials will be allowed in all field events.

## 5.13 Progression from Heats to Finals

### 5.13.1 Field Events

1. In all field events (excepting High Jump), if there are 8 or less competitors at the start of the event then all those competitors will be given 6 trials (ie throws or jumps).
2. If there are more than eight competitors then all will start with 3 trials.
3. After the initial three trials, the leading 8 competitors (and any equals) are determined and then these competitors will be given an additional 3 trials.
4. Performances for an athlete are determined over all of the trials they contested.

### 5.13.2 Track Events

1. The final of all track events will be made up of the 8 best competitors over all of the heats.
2. The competitors selected for the final will be made up of...
  - a. The first place getters from each heat
  - b. Plus the fastest runners over the heats in order to make up the required number.
3. Lane allocations for finals (as well as for heats) will be randomly drawn
4. Where tied times occur for a position in the final, and if there are sufficient lanes available all tying athletes shall qualify for the final. If there are insufficient lanes, then the following will be applied:
  - a. In the first instance this will be resolved by selecting athletes with the best placing in their heat.
  - b. If a tie still occurs for a position in the final, the positions in the final will be randomly drawn.
5. A list of athletes to compete in a final will be posted on the windows of the grandstand approximately 45 minutes after the completion of the heats.

## 5.14 Disputes

Disputes may be lodged at this meeting in accordance with General Rule 1.8.

## 5.15 Recording and Awards & Scoring System

### 5.15.1 Recording and Awards

1. Medals will be presented to the first three place getters in the finals of events.
2. A Boy and Girl "Athlete of the Meet" will be chosen based on performances over all of their events at this Championship. Winners will be announced at a later date.
3. Presentations will be delayed in order for medal winners who are competing in other events to complete those events without interruption.
4. Medal winners who must leave the venue prior to their medal presentation are requested to notify the Presentation Area so that the other medal winners in their event are not unfairly delayed in their medal presentation.
5. Please note that placings for medals on track events are based solely on the judged order of finishing and not simply on the basis of recorded times for the event.

### 5.15.2 Scoring System

The scoring system for the selection of the athletes of the meet is as follows:

1. Points are awarded to athletes who reach the finals on the following basis:

Competitors	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
8 Starters	10	7	5	4	3	2	1	0
7 Starters	10	7	5	4	3	2	1	
6 Starters	10	7	5	4	3	2		
5 Starters	10	7	5	3	2			
4 Starters	10	6	4	2				
3 Starters	10	6	3					

2. No points are awarded if there are less than three athletes in the event.
3. Bonus points are awarded when an athlete achieves or exceeds an existing State Best Performance.
4. Equal SBP 3 Points
5. New SBP 5 Points
6. Bonus points are awarded where an athlete achieves or exceeds an existing Australian Best Performance

7. Equal ABP 8 Points
8. New ABP 10 Points
9. If an Australian Best Performance that also happens to be a State Best Performance were achieved, only the points for the Australian Best Performance would be awarded.
10. In the event of a tie for the athlete of the meet, all athletes tying will be awarded the Athlete of the Meet.

## **5.16 State Best Performances**

State Best Performances (SBPs) may be claimed during this competition but must be ratified in accordance with the rules of the SALAA.