

Sat 5th OCT 2019

2019/2020 Season Issue 1

BLAC NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS REPORT – 28th September 2019


Well our first meet is over and the season begins. We had 129 athletes competing and it was pleasing to see how well things went, even the weather was nice. Things should improve more once all athletes are registered, have name badges on and are processed in our computers. Many thanks to everyone that stepped up and helped on sites as this also makes the day run smoother and faster.

We also raised \$150 for Juvenile Diabetes in honour of Adrian Drane.

<https://jdrf.org.au/>

Our registration packs are arriving from Hobart next week and will be available for all those registered athletes next Saturday 12th. Each athlete must also receive a McDonald, Little Athletics and Coles badge which must be placed on the front of their competition shirt along with their name badge when we receive them. In your registration pack you will receive a manual. In there you will find a diagram of where they all go.

Compulsory competition shirts are available for \$35. We also have hoodies which are an optional extra at a cost of \$55. These can be ordered at the office.

Congratulations to Emara Oates who broke the U11 Girls Discus record with a  throw of 22.36 metres last Saturday. Just a reminder you must be a registered athlete to break a record as we had a few last week that weren't ratified because of this.

Available are sponsorship packages for anyone wanting to help us out. These are available from the office. Thank you to **Apex Ulverstone**, for sponsoring our centre multi in February, **Ricoh of Ulverstone** and the **Humphrey family** for age group sponsorships.

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DATES TO REMEMBER.....

| Date | Event | Location/Time |
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| Saturday 5OCT19 | Program 2A | Penguin 8.30am |
| Saturday 12OCT19 | Program 3A | Penguin 8.30am |
| Saturday 19OCT19 | Program 1B | Penguin 8.30am |
| Sunday 20OCT19 | BURNIE 10/5 | BURNIE |



Presidents Report continued...

Don't forget if this Saturday is your second meet you must be registered before the start of your third meet.

8.30am Saturday is programme 2A which includes the walks for the U9-U15. See you there!

Michelle Scolyer

President



First State Little Athletic Event

Coming up is the **Northern Challenge Day** on **Saturday 2nd November**. This is held at our track and is the only state event we will host this season. I encourage everybody to be involved and compete in all events in their age group as it is set out on a point system with the 3 winning centres receiving plaques from all the Northern Little Athletics Centres. There is no fee or qualifiers required and all athletes aged U6 to U15 can compete. Events your child will be competing in are in your information manual.

At the office we have the attendance sheet for this. Event. One thing I do emphasise if you do put your name down to compete please commit to attending. As once athletes are registered to compete we are required to do a set amount of parent help duties for each athlete whether they attend or not. **ALL** parents of these athletes are required to help out at all state events if their children are competing. You will be notified of what duties you will be required to do. Entries close around the end of October.

Another Sate Event is the Tasmanian All Schools at St Leonards in Launceston on the 26th and 27th October.

This is nothing to do with Little Athletics but anyone wanting to compete need to register via Athletics Tasmania website. Program and any other information is also available on this site. This is for ages between 10 and 12 Primary Schools and for Secondary Schools U14 to Open. Costs are involved. Selections for the Australian Secondary School Championships are made from here and a deposit for selection applies. The Primary Australian Championships have already been in Darwin, the Secondary in Perth, Western Australia 6-8 December. <https://www.tasathletics.org.au/home/>



Also coming up is the Burnie 10 on Sunday 20th October and the 321 Go in Burnie on the 27th October. We hold the barbecue at this event and if you are attending your help would be appreciated., please let the office know if you can go on the roster.

<http://www.burnieten.com.au/index.php>

<http://www.321go.com.au/>

USEFUL WEB LINKS:

<http://www.taslittleathletics.com.au/>

<http://www.burnielittleleaths.org/>

FACEBOOK:

Burnie Little Athletics

<https://www.facebook.com/Burnielittleleaths/>

Little Athletics Tasmania

<https://www.facebook.com/taslittleathletics/>



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COMMITTEE 2019/2020:

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COMMITTEE AIMS & EXPECTATIONS**The Committee's aim is to:**

- Provide an enjoyable sport for your children.*
- Provide a safe environment for athletes, parents, siblings and spectators.*
- Teach and/or coach the correct manner in which to compete in each event.*
- Organize each meet so it can be completed as efficiently as possible.*
- Provide safe and compliant equipment to use.*
- Keep costs down so that athletics is affordable to all.*
- Provide an avenue to enter into senior athletics.*
- Support all athletes of all abilities equally.*
- Provide information from Tasmanian Little Athletics as soon as possible.*
- Be aware of children with special needs, make allowances for them to compete & attain PB's.*



We believe we do this as best as we can, but are always open to suggestions to make this centre even better than it already is.

The Committee's expectations from each parent are:

- Encourage your child, not criticize.
- Allow your child to have fun. We have all had our go at trying to be a super athlete, try not to live your life in their shoes.
- Stay and watch your kids. We are not a childcare centre, we host an event for your child to compete in, we provide a safe environment for this, and you are responsible for your child whilst they are on site.
- Emphasize PB's, not winning.
- Help out on site with the field events. This means measuring, spiking, raking or keeping the kids waiting patiently, quietly, together, and ensuring they are supportive to others competing.
- Have your turn in canteen or cooking on the barbecue.
- Pick up all rubbish that may be left behind by your group when leaving a site.
- Show respect to the person who is chief judging, they are doing their best & are a parent just like you.
- Have a Working with Children's Card up to date. (Working with Vulnerable People)
- If you take equipment from the cupboard please return it at the completion of the event.
- Should any equipment be broken, or poorly maintained report it to a committee member to allow prompt repair or replacement.
- Help when asked, if possible.
- The infield is out of bounds to everyone unless you are a crew member of an event. Please stay in the waiting areas as designated by the Chief Official.
- Always watch the apparatus being thrown, as sometimes a Discus, Shot Put or Javelin can be released in your direction by other athletes learning to perfect their throw, this is particularly important in Discus.
- When your child is entered in a state meet, our centre is responsible for providing qualified officials and event crew during this meet. For your child to compete, you will be required to assist at either field or track events. Even if your child has entered and doesn't compete on the day we are still required to do duties for this athlete so commitment once entered is paramount.

If we all work as a team and comply with this document our meets will run smoothly and be an enjoyable place to be for not only the parents but to also the athletes competing.

On behalf of myself and the committee thank you for your cooperation & assistance throughout the season.

From: **LATas Office** <office@taslittleathletics.com.au>
Date: Thu, Oct 3, 2019 at 4:26 PM
Subject: Proposed Athletics Australia - Little Athletics Australia merge.
To: LATas Office <office@taslittleathletics.com.au>

Dear Centres,

Today Little Athletics Australia (LAA) and Athletics Australia (AA) announced a proposed merger between the two organisations. The plan is to establish a new single national athletics organisation (OneAthletics) in October 2020 if supported by AA & LAA members at AGMs.

If supported, the OneAthletics Proposal will create a new National Sporting Organisation to be responsible for athletics in Australia.

The proposal will see the Little Athletics brand remain with athletes from Tiny Tots to 12 years of age competing under the LA's brand, with athletes aged 13+ competing under the new organisations brand.

Little Athletics Australia member states will be given the opportunity to vote on the proposal at the Annual General Meeting in April. If supported, a new national Athletics organisation will form under a single Board of management in October 2020. All State Little Athletics & Senior Athletics organisations will affiliate with the new single organisation.

If a new national organisation is formed, there is no requirement for State organisations to merge. At this stage, LATas Centres will remain affiliated with LATas and senior clubs will remain affiliated with Athletics Tasmania with both organisations maintaining separate Boards. LATas will be obtaining more information about the proposed National merger before any consideration of a State merger is considered or discussed. The LATas Board will communicate with Centres throughout the process and ensure that any decisions made are in the best interests of the future of Little Athletics and our members.

The LATas Board of Management will be communicating with LAA regarding details of the proposed merger and considering all aspects prior to the LAA AGM in April.

The Little Athletics Tasmania Board would like to advise Centres that at this stage it is business as usual. If you have any questions please contact us at the Little Athletics Tasmania Office.

Kind regards

Brett Johnstone
President
Little Athletics Tasmania



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