

POLICY FOR RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STATE TEAMS



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Purpose

One of the greatest achievements of any athlete is to be selected in a State representative team. Little Athletics Tasmania (LATAs) selects representative teams on an annual basis. Currently, the LATAs State Teams include:

- U13 State Team (Australian Little Athletics Championships)
- U14 State Team (Australian Little Athletics Championships)
- U15 State Team (Australian Little Athletics Championships)
- U15 State Team (Australian Little Athletics Multi Event Championships)

The policy outlines the provision of financial assistance to support member athlete(s) in attending competition as part of a State Team.

Policy

Kingborough Little Athletics Centre is committed to recognising the achievements of athlete(s) who have been selected to participate in a State Team, by providing financial assistance to support the athlete(s) to attend and participate in competition. The Centre will make a financial contribution to, but not compensation for, the expenses associated with attending the competition.

The Centre does not make financial assistance available for national teams.

Definitions

Direct Cost – is the value of the levy set by Little Athletics Tasmania for the State Team, as amended from time to time.

Committee of Management – as defined by the constitution, the committee who manage the affairs of the Centre.

Expected Cost – is the expected costs for the athlete(s) to attend, including flights, accommodation, team levy, taxi and uniform for the athlete and 1x parent/guardian to accompany them. Expected costs can only be recognised in the situation that a formal team option is not offered by LATAs or under exceptional circumstances.

Sponsorship – is the gifting of funds through grant, sponsorship or gift by any external organisation, individual or entity to contribute to the costs of attendance.

State Team - as defined in the By-Laws of Little Athletics Tasmania, rule ST1, as amended from time to time.

State Team Levy – is the levy set by Little Athletics Tasmania for the State Team, as amended from time to time.

Extenuating Circumstances – means an inability of the athlete(s) to compete in

and/or attend a competition arising from injury or illness of the athlete(s), unavoidable travel delays, bereavement or other such circumstances the Committee of Management reasonably consider to constitute extenuating circumstances.

Maximum Financial Contribution – amount set from time to time by the Committee of Management having regard to the financial position of the Centre.

Responsibility

Little Athletics Tasmania is responsible for:

1. Establishing the composition and selection criteria of a State Team.
2. State Team selection.
3. Determining the State Team Levy.

Parents/Guardians of athletes are responsible for:

1. Ensuring that State Team selection is brought to the attention of the Centre Committee.
2. Providing written evidence of successful selection (if requested).
3. Ensuring that any financial assistance is used only for the purposes of attending the competition for which the athlete(s) have been chosen.
4. Ensuring that the athlete(s) attend the Centre event relating to recognising the achievement (if relevant).
5. Notifying the Centre Committee of any withdrawal or expulsion from the representative team as soon as practical.
6. Advise the Centre Committee of the total value of sponsorship received/secured from any additional funding source before or after the event.

The Centre Committee of Management are responsible for:

1. Validating that selection is for a recognised State Team.
2. Ensuring that sufficient funds are available before offering financial assistance.
3. Ensuring funds are only provided to assist with the cost of athlete(s) attendance.
4. Ensuring that Centre funding is only offered in the circumstances that athlete(s) have not secured total sponsorship funding equal or greater than the total direct/expected cost of the athlete(s) attending the event.
5. Organising an appropriate event to recognise the achievement.

Eligibility

The criteria for eligibility for financial assistance are:

1. The Athlete(s) must be selected for a State Team.
2. Selection must include an invitation to participate in a Little Athletics Tasmania sanctioned competition.
3. Athlete(s) must meet all prerequisites stipulated by Little Athletics Tasmania and/or the competition organisers.
4. Funding may only be offered if there are direct/expected costs for the selected athlete(s) to attend.

Procedures

Nomination Procedure

1. Any member of the Centre can request financial assistance for an athlete selected in a State Team.
2. The request should be undertaken using the KLAC Athlete Assistance

Form.

3. Requests must be considered by the Centre Committee of Management.

Calculation of Financial Contribution

1. The financial contribution is to be the lesser of the following amounts:
 - a. the equivalent to 12.5% of the State Team Levy (or team levy and expected costs for athletes not travelling as a formal team), rounded up to the nearest ten dollars; or
 - b. a payment equivalent to the Maximum Financial Contribution threshold.
 - c. the gap between the direct/expected costs and the total external funding or sponsorship received/secured.

Payment of Financial Contribution

1. The financial contribution is only payable by electronic funds transfer to the parent/guardian or LATAs directly.

Reimbursement of Financial Contribution

1. The financial contribution should be recovered from the parent/guardian of the athlete(s)
 - a. if the athlete withdraws from the competition for reasons not considered to constitute Extenuating Circumstances.
 - b. if the athlete is expelled from the team or competition.
 - c. If the total external sponsorship (any type of external funding) is equal to or greater than the direct cost (or expected cost) of the selected athlete(s) attendance.

Guidelines

Maximum Financial Contribution

1. The maximum financial contribution should be:
 - a. \$250.
 - b. offered per athlete selected to attend.

The maximum financial contribution should be reviewed annually and reflect approximately 12.5% of the State Team Levy.

Policy Acceptance

Policy endorsed by Committee of Management X.

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