



2018-19 Junior Officials Program “WAAOC Joeys”

Mission

To increase the number of accredited Officials in WA at Little Athletics and Athletics WA events under the age of 40.

Purpose

Athletics is one sport that highly depends on volunteers and Officials to be able to conduct high quality events. WA has a high number of Officials who are in the higher age group with very few newer/younger Officials rising through the levels. The program is designed to support Junior Officials, age 15-20 years, to gain the knowledge and experience to transition from competing at Little Athletics, and/or begin their journey as an Official.

Members of the WA Athletics Officials Club (WAAOC) have over recent years been involved at high level National and International competitions including the 2016 Perth World Masters Athletics Championships, Annual Perth Track Classic events and the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

Vision

To engage at least six (6) participants, age 15-20 years during the 2018-19 season in the Junior Officials Program, with a view to the participants officiating at the 2019 Perth Track Classic event across all areas of the on-field competition (Track [umpiring, start area] and Field [jumps, throws]).

Proposed process

1. Identify potential participants for the program.
2. Willing participants will be required to register as a member with WAAOC (\$10 membership fee) and either obtain a Working With Children Check (over 18) or complete a statutory declaration form (under 18).
3. Require participants to complete the Australian Sports Commission ‘Introduction to Officiating Course’ - Level 0.
4. Assign a WAAOC Member (Level 2 or higher) who is willing and available to mentor a Junior Official.
5. Encourage participants to complete the ‘Australian Athletics Online Education Scheme’ - Level 1, in their preferred discipline/s (jumps, throws, track)
 - Jumps: Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump (Pole Vault)
 - Throws: Shot Put, Discus, Javelin (Hammer)
 - Track: Track [Umpire, Place Judging, Timing] Starting [Starter, Starter’s Assistant].
6. Commence the Practical Proficiency Assessment Card – Level 1 Practical Card – 10 sessions
 - Field (minimum 3 of 4 throw or jump disciplines) or Track (starting, umpiring, timekeeping, lap scoring, place judging)
 - the 10 sessions can be a combination of LA Centre, LAWA and AWA competitions
 - attend at least 1 (one) appropriate seminar /workshop (event specific training session).
7. It is important that Junior Officials are mentored and assisted by their assigned WAAOC member. Junior Officials should not have their practical competency card/s signed unless an appropriate individual has supervised them. Junior Officials should request observation at the commencement of the session to ensure the Junior Official is competent in the appointed officiating position. Junior Officials must be signed as competent in a range of positions within the event group disciplines. The assigned mentor should provide feedback and support after the event.

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