



2024 Coles Australian Little Athletics Championships (ALAC)

Adelaide 2024



**Under 13
State Team Information Book**

U13 State Team Information

Season 2023-24

One of the greatest achievements of any child in any sporting activity is to be selected for a State Team.

The LATas Board advise the following in relation to the 2024 State Team.

NUMBER OF ATHLETES

Where possible, a complete team of 32 Under 13 athletes will be selected to participate in the 2024 Coles Australian Little Athletics Championships (ALAC) to be held in Adelaide on Friday 26th April -Sunday 28th April 2024.

The team will depart Tasmania on Friday 26th April returning on Monday 29th April (TBC).

ELIGIBILITY

All Tasmanian Little Athletes in the U13 age group and registered for the 2023 - 2024 season are eligible for selection, provided the following requirements are met:

- Athletes should demonstrate that their priorities and loyalties are with their Little Athletic Club and or Centre.
- Athletes should compete at two (2) LATas State conducted Meetings during season 2023-24.
- It is recommended that athletes attend the LATas U12-U13 Coaching Camp.
- All athletes who have nominated for selection in the Under 13 State team should be present at the 2024 State Individual Championships for the announcement of the Team. (The chairman of selectors must be advised of non-availability due to injury/sickness. This will be taken into account by the selection committee).

WITHDRAWAL of Nomination

Athletes wishing to withdraw their nomination must do so by 12 noon on Friday 1st March 2024, prior to the State Individual Championships.

SELECTION

(a) Performance Information

Results of the athletes at senior level will not be taken into consideration.

(b) Number of Events

At the Coles Australian Little Athletics Championships, athletes are permitted to compete in no more than six (6) events, which may include both relays, if selected in that event. This is to be confirmed by Little Athletics Australia.

Athletes may be selected for one event only.

(c) Standards

It should be remembered that athletes are required to be part of a Team Event on a point scoring basis as a first priority.

Athletes **will not** be selected merely to make up the numbers. State Team Selectors will endeavor to select Team Members who will in their major event, perform in the top eight based on previous results by U13's in other States.

PLEASE NOTE: *Gold medal winners are not automatically selected.*

(d) Event Selection

State Team Selectors recommend to the State Team Coaches, events for each athlete. This may change depending on the makeup of the Team. Athletes may be required to compete in less preferred events and this decision must be complied with.

(e) Co-Operation

The athlete's attitude, behaviour and ability to co-operate with others will be taken into account by the Selectors.

PLEASE NOTE: *Failure to comply with these guidelines may lead to an athlete's expulsion from the team.*

TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The State Team will be announced as soon as possible following the completion of the Under 13 competition at the State Individual Championships.

The State Team Selection Panel's decision on the Team Membership will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

COMMITMENT

As part of the State Team, ALL athletes selected are required to show their COMMITMENT to Team functions and competition training.

OTHER SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Full disclosure of all other sporting commitments between the date of selection and the departure date MUST be disclosed to the State Team Coaches.

TEAM LEVY

The State Team levy for 2024 is \$1,950.00.

This Levy is the sole responsibility of the parent, however assistance may be given by the athlete's Centre, Local Council or community.

The payment is due in full no later than the 31st of March 2023. If payment is not made in full and no acceptable arrangements made, the athlete may be withdrawn from the team.

Please contact the Little Athletics Tasmania Office if this is an issue for you.

PLEASE NOTE: no parent or Centre is to approach a National or State Sponsor requesting assistance for athletes to attend the ALACs.

TEAM TRAINING

All Team Training sessions are under the direction of the State Team Coach.

Athletes are required to attend ALL training sessions unless prior permission is granted by the State Team Coach.

Training normally commences during the second week after State Championships and continues until the weekend prior to departure.

ATHLETE'S PERSONAL COACHES

Personal Coaches may be used at State Team Training sessions. The State Coach may request assistance from some of the personal Coaches to help in the training of all members of the State Team.

TEAM OFFICIALS

A minimum of six Team Personnel will be selected by the LATas Board from nominations received. All Team Officials are totally accountable to the LATas Board for their actions and must have a current Working with Children Check.

It is the Team Officials responsibility to ensure the total well-being of the Team Members.

TEAM MEMBER REPLACEMENT

The Board's decision on team replacement is final.

Team members may be replaced in the Team following a recommendation from Team Officials to the LATas Board.

Such items that may require a team member replacement or expulsion include:

- Injury
- Athletes' behaviour
- Parental interference
- Failure to attend training sessions
- Failure to compete in designated events
- Non-payment of team levy

The welfare of the State Team as a unit is the prime concern in any decisions made.

TEAM OFFICIAL CONTROL

Team Officials are responsible for all training, team social involvement, travel and all other relevant matters associated with the Team, following selection until their return from the Coles Australian Little Athletics Championships.

TEAM TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION

Selected athletes must travel with the Team from Tasmania for the duration of the Championship period. Exceptions to this can be made in writing and approval is at the discretion of the Board.

Accommodation will be arranged by LATas in liaison with team officials.

Failure to comply with these conditions will mean that the parents will be responsible for any additional costs incurred by LATas in accommodating their child.

TASMANIAN STATE TEAM MEMBER COMMITMENTS

Athletes selected for Tasmania **must be** prepared to:

- Be a part of a **team** and follow any instructions given by Team Management;
- Be punctual at all times;
- Attend each day listed in the itinerary.

Parents/Guardians of selected athletes **must be** prepared to:

- Pay the team levy;
- Make selected athletes available to attend every camp/activity as listed in the itinerary, unless prior approval granted by the State Team Coach;
- Entrust the care and responsibility of your child to the Team Management at all team activities and especially at the Coles Australian Little Athletics Championships.

Completion of Medical Form

- Upon selection, all athletes must have a form signed by a parent/ guardian giving permission for the LATas to obtain full medical details.



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Availability Form

Athlete Name _____

Centre _____

I/We (parent/guardian) _____

Certify that _____

is available for selection for the 2024 State Team, travelling to compete in the Coles Australian Little Athletics Championships to be held in Adelaide on 26th April – 28th April 2024.

I/we commit to ensuring that my child will be present at the State Individual Championships for the announcement of the team. I will advise the selection committee if my child is unavailable due to injury/sickness.

I / We agree to abide by all conditions as set out in the 2024 State Team Information Book and to make full payment of fees by the 31st March 2024.

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile _____

Email Address _____

Signed: _____ Parent / Guardian signature

Date ____/____/____

Please return no later than Sunday 3rd March 2024 to:

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