



**Little
Athletics
Tasmania**

Policy #6

Drug Policy

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Little Athletics Tasmania Drug Policy

Background

The motto of the Tasmanian Little Athletics Association Inc (LATAs) is “Family, Fun and Fitness, and the Mission Statement is: -

“To develop children of all abilities by promoting positive attitudes and a healthy lifestyle through family and community involvement in athletics activities.”

LATAs is deeply committed to this motto and Mission Statement.

LATAs does not believe that deliberate usage of drugs for the purpose of improving performance is a problem within Little Athletics but we, as a body, must accept that it is a possibility that cannot be ignored. The more likely situation we face is the non-deliberate usage of banned substances (e.g. ingredients in some cough medicines) by younger athletes.

Overall, it is appropriate that the broader community issues in relation to drug usage are recognized by LATAs and its affiliated bodies.

Policy

LATAs and its affiliated bodies has a zero tolerance approach to the use of any banned substances and illegal recreational drugs at any event conducted by LATAs or its affiliated centres. Furthermore, LATAs and its affiliated bodies: -

- A. are strongly opposed to the use of any banned substances for the purpose of obtaining an advantage in competition;
- B. are strongly opposed to the use of illegal recreational drugs;
- C. are strongly committed to the education of its members, whether child or adults, on the consequences of using all drugs;
- D. support the initiatives, especially those related to the education processes, espoused and implemented by the Australian Sport and Anti-Doping Agency (ASADA).

Action on return of a Positive Test Result

If Little Athletics Tasmania is made aware of any athletes, coach, volunteer or official returning a positive drug result to a test carried out by, or under the authority of ASADA, LATAs will;

- A. Where the test was carried out at a Little Athletics competition, investigate the incident itself and taking notice of the disciplinary clauses contained in the LATAs By-Laws and the principals of natural justice, apply an appropriate penalty

OR

- B. Where the test was carried out at an activity organised by another body (e.g Athletics Tasmania), take notice of action taken by that body and, having regard to the disciplinary clauses contained in the LATAs By-Laws and the principals of natural justice, apply an appropriate penalty.

Questions or concerns?

Question and concerns relating to this policy can be directed to the Little Athletics Tasmania Office:

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