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Introduction

This section contains ideas about how to assess children who are participating in an athletics unit. Included is the following:

- · LAPS Assessment Guidelines
- Student Assessment Checklists
- Class Assessment Checklists
- Skill Assessment Checklists

LAPS Assessment Guidelines:

The LAPS Assessment Guidelines provide recommendations as to the level of skill that can typically be expected of studentdents by the end of each stage following a thoroughly taught athletics unit.

There is a strong link between the "LAPS" Assessment Guidelines and the "LAPS" Lesson Plans that have been provided.

The Assessment Guidelines provide specific information under the following headings:

Skill

Divides the guidelines under the general sections of running, jumping and throwing.

Targeted Outcomes

The targeted outcomes outlined in the LAPS Assessment Guidelines have been adapted from the Australian Little Athletics Recommended Skills Program.

Requirements

Highlights the aspects of a performance that should be demonstrated by a student to indicate that they have satisfactorily achieved the desired outcome.

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The Assessment Checklists:

Three options have been provided for recording assessment observations:

Student Assessment Checklists

These checklists provide the teacher with the option of recording each student's skill achievements on a separate sheet. A checklist has been developed for each of the four school stages.

Class Assessment Checklists

These checklists provide the teacher with the option to summarize the entire class achievements on one sheet. A checklist has been developed for each of the four school stages.

Skill Assessment Checklists

These checklists provide teachers with the option of recording each individual student's progression towards the desired working model in an individual event.

LAPS Assessment Guidelines



Early	Stage 1	LAPS Assessment Guidelines
Skill	Targeted Outcomes	Requirements
Running	1. Can run in a straight line.	Runs in a straight line without undue deviation.
	2. Looks straight ahead when running.	Eyes are focused forward throughout the entire run.
	3. Can take part in novelty races.	 Demonstrates understanding of starting, running and finishing in a novelty race.
	4. Can take part in shuttle relays.	 Through participation, demonstrates understanding of how a shuttle relay progresses.
Jumping	Can jump and land safely on two feet.	 Shows a confident, controlled landing. Legs bend on impact to absorb shock.
	Can jump by taking off from one foot and landing on two.	 Uses a one foot take off, two foot landing. Lands safely, with legs bending on impact. Feet land close together at the same time.
	3. Stretches out when jumping high.	 Extends arms above head. Extends the ankle, knee and hip joints. Adopts a "long" body position in the air.
Throwing	Can chest pass a ball to a target at a distance of three metres.	 Uses a two hand pushing action from the chest. Raises elbows to the side in a preparatory position. Ball hits target on the full.

Early Stage 1		LAPS Assessment Guidelines	
Skill	Targeted Outcomes	Requirements	
Throwing cont.	1. With one hand, can "put" a bean bag or small ball, using a correct putting action. The state of the sta	 Prior to delivery, the implement touches the neck, in front of the ear, under the jaw. The elbow of the throwing arm is raised in the preparatory position. A legal, confident putting action. 	
	2. Using one hand, and stepping forward on the opposite foot, can throw a ball underarm to a target at a distance of five metres.	 Demonstrates an extended throwing arm, with a smooth back swing and follow-through. Weight transfers from back to front foot. Ball hits target on the full. 	

Stage 1 LAPS Assessment G		LAPS Assessment Guidelines
Skill	Targeted Outcomes	Requirements
Running	Keeps arms bent whilst running.	 Arms swing from the shoulders. Arms bend at the elbow through backwards and forwards swing.
	Can perform a standing start to the commands of "On your marks", "Set", "Go" with opposite arm and leg forward in the set position.	 Recognition of commands without prompting. Demonstrates a difference between "On your marks" and "Set" positions. Feet point to the front. Weight forward in "Set" position. Bends forward at the hips and knees in "Set" position. Lifts back heel off the ground in "Set" position Maintains balance in "Set" position.
	3. Can run over a line of ground markers, with one step between each marker.	 Shows general coordination of the running action. Demonstrates a rhythmic running action.
	4. Can run, leap over a low object from one foot to the other, then continue on an uninterrupted run.	 Interrupts the running action as little as possible.
	5. Can take part in a shuttle relay, demonstrating sound baton passing technique.	 Incoming runner: Baton arm is extended on approaching the receiver. Baton is held upright during the pass. Baton is held at the bottom end. Runs to the side of the receiver to avoid interference.

Stage 1 LAPS Assessment Guidel		LAPS Assessment Guidelines
Skill	Targeted Outcomes	Requirements
Running cont.		 Outgoing runner: Extends arms at chest level. Holds hands together to receive the baton. Adopts a ready stance.
Jumping	Can perform a long jump into a pit from a running approach.	 No hesitation in the transfer from the run to the jump. A one foot take off. Legs bend on landing to absorb impact. Feet land close together at the same time.
	Can perform a scissors high jump onto a mat following a short approach.	 Drives the knee closest to the mat up first. Lifts both legs to the front. Lands standing up on the mat.
Throwing	Can "put" a shot of appropriate size, keeping the elbow of the throwing arm up. Correct grip used.	 Grips shot correctly. Prior to delivery, holds the shot against the neck in front of the ear, under the jaw. Keeps the elbow of the throwing arm up. Uses a legal, confident putting action.
	Demonstrates a confident slinging action with a hoop or quoit.	 Slings the hoop/quoit in a forward direction, using an extended throwing arm. Uses a relaxed wind up and follow through. The action results in a flat spinning hoop/quoit.

Stage 2 LAPS Assessment Guidelin		LAPS Assessment Guidelines
Skill	Targeted Outcomes	Requirements
Running	Can perform a standing start pushing forward using arms and legs, no backwards movement.	 Both feet point to the front. In the "Set" position: Opposite arm and leg forward, weight forward, bends at hips and knees, back heel off ground. On "Go": No rocking or stepping backwards; no lifting of the front foot before the back foot; vigorous use of arms.
	Shows confidence in running over low objects placed on the ground at correct hurdle distance.	"Runs" does not "jump" over the objects.Demonstrates smooth strides with no hesitation.
	3. Can participate in a circular relay.	Through participation, demonstrates understanding of how a circular relay progresses.
	4. Can run for 4 minutes, demonstrating a smooth, relaxed style.	 Runs for entire time. No walking or stopping. Demonstrates a smooth, relaxed style.
Jumping	Can perform a scissors high jump over a bar and onto a mat following a smooth, relaxed approach.	 Shows no hesitation or short steps in the approach run. Demonstrates a smooth transfer from run into jump. Uses the correct take off leg. Lifts both legs forward during clearance. Lands on feet on the mat.
	2. Can long jump, demonstrating a knee drive at take off.	 Drives the knee to parallel with the ground at take off. Uses a correct landing.

Stage 2		LAPS Assessment Guidelines
Skill	Targeted Outcomes	Requirements
Throwing	Can perform a standing shot put, finishing in an effective delivery position.	 Uses the correct grip on the shot. Hips, chest and shoulders swing to the front on delivery. Uses a legal putting action from a "tall" delivery position; front leg braced; watches shot go.
	2. Can roll a discus for 5 metres to a target 1 metre across. Correct grip used.	 Uses the correct grip. Releases the discus over the index finger. Discus rolls on its edge to the target.
	3. Can perform a slinging action with a discus; correct grip and release used.	 Uses the correct grip. Discus is released over the index finger. Uses a side-arm slinging action away from the body. Achieves a flat discus flight.

Stag	je 3	LAPS Assessment Guidelines
Skill	Targeted Outcomes	Requirements
Running	Demonstrates a sound body posture and arm action whilst running over fifty metres.	 Keeps head still; vision forward; shoulders square; chest up; arms swinging from the shoulders; arms bent; keeps hips under the body; runs with rhythm.
	2. Can perform a basic crouch start.	 Demonstrates the following positions; "On your marks" Front foot approximately a forearm's length behind the starting line. (Fingertips to elbow distance). One knee placed on the ground, level with the front foot. Hands placed shoulder-width apart; behind, not on the line. "Set" Hips raised slightly higher than the shoulders. Both legs remain bent (Front leg approx. 90 degrees; back leg approx. 120 degrees). "Go" Drives the rear leg forward. Arms move vigorously.
	Can approach and clear a hurdle, demonstrating a sound lead leg action.	 Drives the lead knee at the hurdle. Drives the lead lower leg in straight line over the hurdle. Foot of the lead leg contacts the ground beyond the hurdle in a straight line. Uses a continuous action.

Stage 3 LAPS Assessment Guideline		
Skill	Targeted Outcomes	Requirements
Running cont.	4. Performs a correct trail leg action when walking over hurdles.	 Uses a controlled trail leg action. Keeps heel of trail leg close to buttocks, toes pulled up, as it is pulled over the hurdle. Pulls the knee through to the chest. Continues the stride straight ahead following hurdle clearance.
	5. Using a sound technique, can:a) Pass a batonb) Receive a batoninside a twenty metre changeover zone.	 Incoming runner: Uses a fast approach. Demonstrates a clean baton passing technique. Outgoing runner: Maximum acceleration as incoming runner hits check mark. Steady receiving hand. Clean receiving technique. No looking behind during pass.
	Can run for five minutes demonstrating a smooth, relaxed style.	 Runs for the entire time. No walking or stopping. Demonstrates a smooth, relaxed style.
Jumping	Can perform a scissors high jump over a bar of at least waist height.	 Uses a basic scissors action. Clears the bar at the required height.

Stag	Stage 3 LAPS Assessment Guideline	
Skill	Targeted Outcomes	Requirements
Jumping cont.	Demonstrates knee drive and use of arms following an accurate run up and take off in long jump.	 Shows a knee drive at take off. Uses the arms in a forward and upward motion on take off. Achieves an accurate run up.
Throwing	Can perform a simple movement across the ring and legally deliver a shot from a sound delivery position.	 Uses a legal putting action. Achieves a sound delivery position: braced front leg; "tall" body; watches shot flight. Uses a smooth movement across the ring. Uses a smooth transfer from the movement across the ring to the delivery.
	Can perform a standing discus throw finishing in an effective delivery position. Sound discus flight achieved.	 Achieves a flat spinning discus. Swings hips, chest and shoulders to the front. Achieves a sound delivery position: braced front leg; "tall" body; watches discus flight.

LAPS Student Assessment Checklists



Student Assessment Checklist Early Stage 1 Name: Class: **Targeted Outcomes Achieved/Date** Skill Running 1. Can run in a straight line. 2. Looks straight ahead when running. 3. Can take part in novelty races. 4. Can take part in shuttle relays. Jumping 1. Can jump and land safely on two feet. 2. Can jump by taking off from one foot and landing on two. 3. Stretches out when jumping high. **Throwing** 1. Can chest pass a ball to a target at a distance of three metres. 2. With one hand, can "put" a bean bag or small ball, using a correct putting action. 3. Using one hand, and stepping forward on the opposite foot, can throw a ball underarm to a target at a distance of five metres.

Stude	ent Assessment Checklist	Stage 1
Name:	Class:	
Skill	Targeted Outcomes	Achieved/Date
Running	Keeps arms bent whilst running.	
	2. Can perform a standing start to the commands of "On your marks", "Set", "Go" with opposite arm and leg forward in the set position.	
	3. Can run over a line of ground markers, with one step between each marker.	
	4. Can run, leap over a low object from one foot to the other, then continue on an uninterrupted run.	
	5. Can take part in a shuttle relay, demonstrating sound baton passing technique.	
Jumping	Can perform a long jump into a pit from a running approach.	
	2. Can perform a scissors high jump onto a mat following a short approach.	
Throwing	Can "put" a shot of appropriate size, keeping the elbow of the throwing arm up.	
	Demonstrates a confident slinging action with a hoop or quoit.	

Stude	ent Assessment Checklist	Stage 2
Name:	Class:	
Skill	Targeted Outcomes	Achieved/Date
Running	Can perform a standing start pushing forward using arms and legs; no backwards movement.	
	Shows confidence in running over low objects placed on the ground at correct hurdle distance.	
	3. Can participate in a circular relay.	
	4. Can run for 4 minutes, demonstrating a smooth, relaxed style.	
Jumping	Can perform a scissors high jump over a bar and onto a mat following a smooth, relaxed approach.	
	2. Can long jump, demonstrating a knee drive at take off.	
Throwing	Can perform a standing shot put, finishing in an effective delivery position.	
	Can roll a discus for 5 metres to a target 1 metre across. Correct grip used.	
	3. Can perform a slinging action with a discus; correct grip and release used.	

Stude	ent Assessment Checklist	Stage 3
Name:	Class:	
Skill	Targeted Outcomes	Achieved/Date
Running	Demonstrates a sound body posture and arm action whilst running over fifty metres.	
	2. Can perform a basic crouch start.	
	3. Can approach and clear a hurdle, demonstrating a sound lead leg action.	
	4. Performs a correct trail leg action when walking over hurdles.	
	5. Using a sound technique, can:a) Pass a batonb) Receive a batonInside a twenty metre changeover zone.	
	Can run for five minutes demonstrating a smooth, relaxed style.	
Jumping	Can perform a scissors high jump over a bar of at least waist height.	
	2. Demonstrates knee drive and use of arms following an accurate run up and take off in long jump.	
Throwing	Can perform a simple movement across the ring and legally deliver a shot from a sound delivery position.	
	2. Can perform a standing discus throw finishing in an effective delivery position. Sound discus flight achieved.	

LAPS Class Assessment Checklists



Class Assessm	en	t Cl	necl	(list	Early Stage 1						
Names	Running			Jt	Jumping			Throwing			
	1. Run in a straight line.	2. Look straight ahead.	3. Novelty races.	4. Shuttle relays.	1. Jump safely.	2. One to two feet.	3. Stretch when jumping.	1. Chest pass.	2. Putting action.	3. Underarm throw.	
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Names		Running					ping	Throwing		
	1. Arms bent.	2. Standing start.	3. Run over markers.	4. Run - leap - run.	5. Shuttle Relay.	 Long jump from run. Scissors from run. 		1. Put a shot.	2. Slinging action.	
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	1. Standing start.	2. Run over low objects.	3. Circular relay.	4. 4 minute run.	1. Scissors over bar & onto mat.	2. Long jump - knee drive.	1. Standing shot put.	2. Discus roll.	3. Discus sling.
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	1. Posture & arms over 50m.	2. Crouch start.	3. Hurdle - Lead leg.	4. Hurdle - Trail leg.	5. Circular relay - baton passing.	6. 5 minute run.	1. Scissors - waist height.	2. Long jump - Knee drive & arms.	1. Shot - Move across ring.	2. Standing discus throw.
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LAPS Skill Assessment Checklists



Skill Assessment Checklist Sprinting Name: Class: **Components of the Working Model Achieved/Date** Head level; vision to the front. Trunk and shoulders square to the front. 3. Head and trunk held upright. Hips held under body. 5. Feet and limbs move in a straight path. 6. Arms pivot about the shoulder joint and remain bent at the elbow at approximately 90 degrees. 7. High knee lift. Recovery leg bent to at least 90 degrees. Lands on the forefoot. 10. Light, quick movements. 11. Generally coordinated, rhythmical action.

Skill Assessment Checklist Standing Start Name: Class: **Components of the Working Model Achieved/Date** "On your marks" 1. Front foot behind line, pointed directly down the track. 2. Back foot placed approximately one foot space back, pointed forward, heel lifted. 3. Feet approximately shoulder width apart. "Set" 1. Bends forward at the hips and knees. 2. Opposite arm and leg forward. 3. Vision at the ground approximately 1 metre ahead. "Go" 1. Drives arms and legs. 2. Steps through with the back foot first. 3. No backwards movement.

Skill Assessment Checklist Crouch Start Name: Class: **Components of the Working Model Achieved/Date** "On your marks" 1. Front foot approximately a forearm's length behind line, pointed directly down the track. 2. Other knee placed approximately level with front foot. 3. Hands shoulder width apart, behind line. "Set" 1. Hips raised slightly higher than shoulders. 2. Front leg bent at approximately 90 degrees; back leg bent at approximately 120 degrees. "Go" 1. Drives the rear leg forward. 2. Drives arms vigorously.

Skill Assessment Checklist Shuttle Relay Name: Class: **Components of the Working Model Achieved/Date** Incoming runner 1. Uses a normal running action. 2. Holds the baton at the bottom end. 3. Holds the baton vertically with an extended arm when nearing the receiver. 4. Approaches the receiver in a way that avoids interference /collisions. Outgoing runner 1. Receives baton with arms extended at chest level. 2. Hands held together in "butterfly" position. 3. Transfers baton to one hand once received.

Skill Assessment Checklist Circular Relay (4x100m) Name: Class: **Components of the Working Model Achieved/Date** Incoming runner 1. Maintains speed during baton exchange. 2. Places baton downwards firmly into outgoing runner's hand. Outgoing runner 1. Accelerates as incoming runner passes check mark. 2. Holds receiving hand steady; palm upward, hand flat. 3. Receives baton cleanly. 4. Keeps vision to front during baton exchange. 5. Receives baton inside changeover zone.

Skill Assessment Checklist Hurdles Name: Class: **Components of the Working Model Achieved/Date** 1. Approaches the hurdle without hesitation. 2. Drives the knee of the lead leg towards the hurdle. Extends lower leg straight over the hurdle. Plants foot of lead leg in a straight line on landing. 5. Trail leg is lifted perpendicular to the body, heel close to buttocks, toes pulled up. 6. The knee of the trail leg is pulled through towards the chest as it clears the hurdle. 7. The foot of the trail leg is planted in a straight line on landing. 8. The clearance interferes as little as possible with the running action. 9. Smooth, fast funning between the hurdles.

Skill Assessment Checklist Middle Distance/Cross Country Running Name: Class: **Components of the Working Model Achieved/Date** 1. A relaxed running style. 2. Head kept level, vision to the front. 3. Shoulders, chest, abdomen and hips kept square to the front. 4. Shoulder movement kept to a minimum. 5. A low, relaxed arm action; relaxed shoulders. 6. A generally coordinated, rhythmical action.

Skill Assessment Checklist Long Jump Name: Class: **Components of the Working Model Achieved/Date** 1. Fast, controlled, accurate run up. 2. One foot take off. 3. Drives the free knee and arms into the air. 4. Upright take off position; vision elevated or to the front. 5. Two foot landing. 6. On landing, bending occurs at the hips and knees. 7. Feet land in the sand simultaneously and close together. 167

Skill Assessment Checklist High Jump Name: Class: **Components of the Working Model Achieved/Date** 1. A straight run up, approximately 30 degrees to the bar, of 8-10 strides. 2. Leg closest to the bar driven up and over the bar first. 3. Both legs lifted forward in a scissors action over the bar. 4. Lands on feet.

SI	kill Assessment Checklist	Shot Put
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Co	omponents of the Working Model	Achieved/Date
1.	Shot is held at the base of the fingers (not touching the palm), with three fingers behind and the thumb and small finger to each side of the shot.	
2.	The shot is held touching or close to the neck, under the jaw, in front of the ear, next to the windpipe.	
3.	The elbow of the throwing arm is raised to the rear.	
4.	A side-on preparatory stance, with the weight on a bent rear leg.	
5.	Non-throwing arm points in direction of throw or "wraps" around body.	
6.	The feet, hips, chest and shoulders swing to the front on delivery as the weight shifts from back to front foot.	
7.	Delivery occurs from a "tall" position.	
8.	The throwing arm extends in a powerful "punching" action, pushing the shot away from the neck.	
9.	The thrower's vision follows the shot.	

Skill Assessment Checklist Discus Name: Class: **Components of the Working Model Achieved/Date** 1. The discus is held flat against the palm; the edge of the discus sits on the pads of the first joints of the fingers; the thumb rests on the back of the discus. 2. A side-on preparatory stance. 3. Discus held up in front of the eyes, throwing hand on top of the discus, non-throwing hand underneath for support. 4. The discus is kept flat and the throwing hand on top while the discus is swung back off the supporting hand in a wide arc. 5. The feet, hips, chest and shoulders swing to the front on delivery as the weight shifts from back to front foot. 6. The delivery arm follows a wide arc in a slinging motion. 7. Delivery occurs from a "tall" position. 8. Discus is released off the index finger in a flat spin.