

Rule LR5 must be read in conjunction with the Little Athletics SA Competitions and Regulations and the Championships rules for each individual Championship e.g., SIC, State Relays etc.,

LR5 Eligibility

1. Each Association Competition will have a Registration Cut-Off date. All athletes must be registered with a Centre/Club by this date to be eligible for the competition.
2. Each Association Competition will have an Entry Close date. All athletes intending to compete in that competition must have submitted their entry for that competition in the prescribed way by the specified date to be eligible.
3. Multi-Class (Para) athletes intending to enter designated Multi-Class athletics events must have a current Classification Certificate or a Letter of Provisional Classification from an accredited Track and Field Classifier.

Information about classification is available from the Australian Paralympic Committee – www.paralympic.com.au.

Applicable Competitions

4. The following competitions have defined eligibility criteria that must be met by athletes in order to compete in that competition:
 - 4.1. State Combined Event Championships
 - 4.2. State Challenge
 - 4.3. State Individual Championships
5. Refer to Rule LR7 for State Relay Championships eligibility.

Eligibility

6. Eligibility for these competitions is determined from results submitted by Centres to the Association Results Management System.
7. Athletes must have been registered with the Association by 31st December 2023.
8. To be eligible for these competitions, athletes must have competed in a minimum number of meets with their registered centre/club between their date of registration and the end of the qualification period for that competition.
 - 8.1. For State Combined Event Championships, the minimum is four meets.
 - 8.2. For the State Challenge and State Individual Championships, the minimum is five meets.
9. For the State Relay Championships, the date to have achieved the minimum meets will be the date of the close of team member nominations.
10. Performances may only be counted once the athlete is fully registered. Performances achieved at a 'Come and Try' session do not count towards eligibility or qualification.
11. For the purposes of this rule, the following competitions count as competing with the registered centre/club
 - 11.1. Centre home meets
 - 11.2. Scheduled inter-centre meets at another centre/club (including Country Championships)

- 11.3. SALAA State PB Classics
12. Competitions hosted by Athletics South Australia DO NOT count towards Little Athletics eligibility.
13. For an athlete transferring centres during the season, meets from both their previous and current centres will count towards their eligibility. This includes athletes transferring to a South Australian centre from interstate.

Qualification

14. Additional qualification requirements apply for the State Combined Event Championships, State Challenge and State Individual Championships. Please refer to the rules for these competitions for details.
15. Performances recorded at any Little Athletics competition an athlete participates in may be counted towards meeting the qualifying requirements.
16. For Under 12 age group and above, performances achieved at an Athletics SA competition may be counted towards meeting the qualifying requirements.
17. Performances achieved by an athlete making an individual visit to another centre are only valid for qualification purposes when the performance has been recorded by the Recorder of the visited Centre within the Association's Results Management System.

Verification and Exemptions

18. The Centre Recorder is responsible for ensuring the accuracy and veracity of results submitted to the Association Results Management System. Results may be reviewed and audited by association officers.
19. Athletes who are unable to meet all the eligibility requirements due to illness or injury, or compassionate grounds, may appeal to the Organising Committee (via the Competition and Events Coordinator) by completing the prescribed application form and providing the requested supporting documentation.
20. Where an athlete's personal circumstances make it difficult to participate regularly with their home centre, they may apply to have performances recorded at a second centre counted towards their eligibility. For example, this would include country athletes boarding at city schools and separated families.
21. An exemption will only be considered if the athlete has met at least 50% of the required meets to be eligible for the competition.
22. Any exemption request must be received no later than 48 hours before the close of nominations for the competition. Any exemption request received after this time will not be considered.