

Rule LR9 must be read in conjunction with the Little Athletics SA Competitions and Regulations and Rule LR5 (Eligibility)

LR9 State Challenge

Specified Dates

1. Athletes must be registered with the Association by 31/12/2023.
2. Athletes must have submitted their entry by 21/2/2024.
3. Qualification Period: 1/9/2023 to 18/2/2024.

Eligibility

4. All athletes intending to enter the State Challenge must have met the eligibility requirements as per Rule LR5.
5. Athletes must have recorded at least two valid performances in each event they wish to enter within the specified Qualification Period. For the 800m and 1500m events a minimum entry standard will also apply.
6. For Under 9 to Under 13, athletes will be entered into the State Challenge where their best performance achieved as at the close of qualifying does not place them within the State Individual Championships limit for that event.

Competition Entry

7. The entry for this competition is combined with the entry for the State Individual Championships.
8. Athletes must enter for this competition through the Association online entry system by the specified entry close date.
9. Late entries may be accepted up to two days after the close of entries upon payment of the prescribed late entry fee.

Events Provided

10. All standard events (except Walks, Relays and Cross Country) will be provided for each of the Under 8 to Under 13 age groups.
11. The number of events that an athlete can compete in is limited to five. Note that the five-event limit applies across the State Challenge and the State Individual Championships.

Marshalling

12. Athletes are required to report to the Call Room 15 minutes for Track Events and 30 minutes for Field Events prior to the scheduled start time of each event.
13. Where an athlete fails to report to the call room by the specified time may be issued a Yellow Card, or be disqualified from the event.
14. Parents assisting as officials are required to report to the event site 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of their time slot.

Special Competition Rules

15. Changes to the program, rules or other conditions will be announced over the public address system. The onus is on competitors to be aware of any changes.

16. A competitor is not permitted to join a field event after it has started unless the official in charge of that event has been notified beforehand that the athlete will be delayed by a clash in their events.

High Jump Bar

17. Unless otherwise advised by the Competition Director, the following starting heights will apply for this competition:

Starting Heights	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13
Boys	0.60	0.75	0.80	0.90	0.90	0.90
Girls	0.50	0.65	0.75	0.80	0.90	0.90

18. If all athletes agree, the chief judge may nominate an alternative starting height. The alternative starting height must be greater than the originally specified starting height.
19. If more than one high jump pit is in use for an age group, both pits will start such that there is a multiple of 5cm between their starting heights. The second pit will remain at 5cm increments until it reaches the same height as the first pit commenced 3cm increments, and from that point will continue to follow the same sequence of heights as the first pit. Final places are determined from the results over both pits.

Progression from Heats to Finals

20. Track events will be conducted as timed finals, where the final places are determined by performances obtained across all heats.
21. Heats will be conducted from slowest to fastest, based on best performances recorded at the end of the qualifying period.
22. Field events (except high jump) will be conducted with three trials only.

Protests and Appeals

23. Protests may be lodged at this meeting in accordance with Rule TR8.

Recording and Awards & Scoring System

24. Recording and Awards
- 24.1. Medals will be presented to the athletes with the best three performances in each event.
- 24.2. Presentations will be delayed in order for medal winners who are competing in other events to complete those events without interruption.
- 24.3. Medal winners who must leave the venue prior to their medal presentation are requested to notify the Presentation Area so that the other medal winners in their event are not unfairly delayed in their medal presentation.
- 24.4. Please note that placings for medals in track events are based solely on the judged order of finishing and not simply on the basis of recorded times for the event.
- 24.5. A Boy and Girl "Athlete of the Meet" will be chosen based on performances over all of their events at this Championship.

24.6. For Multi-Class (Para) Athletes, places for each event will be determined using the multi-disability method, using the Athletics Australia Baseline Scoring tables. Medals will be presented to the first three place getters in each event as determined by this method.

24.7. Athletes entered as a Multi-Class (Para) Athlete will only be eligible for medals in the Multi-Class event, and not the able-bodied event.

Scoring System

25. The scoring system for the selection of the athletes of the meet is as follows:

26. Points are awarded based on final places in each event:

Placing	Score	Placing	Score
1 st	10	5 th	4
2 nd	8	6 th	3
3 rd	6	7 th	2
4 th	5	8 th	1

27. No points are awarded if less than three athletes compete in the event.

28. In the event of a tie for the Athlete of the Meet, all tying athletes will be named Joint Athletes of the Meet.

29. State Best Performance may NOT be claimed at this meeting.