

Hello everyone,

I wanted to share a brief update regarding today's national announcement from Australian Athletics and Little Athletics Australia. Both organisations have agreed in principle to come together under a single national body, to be known as Australian Athletics.

This is a national governance change aimed at strengthening athletics across Australia and creating a clearer, more connected pathway from Little Athletics through to senior athletics.

I want to be very clear about what this means for us here in South Australia: nothing changes.

Little Athletics SA will continue to operate as its own organisation, with our own Board and staff. These changes are occurring at a national level only. Our clubs, our events, and the way we deliver Little Athletics in SA will continue exactly as they do now.

Our focus remains firmly on you and your clubs which is supporting volunteers, creating positive and enjoyable experiences for kids and families, and continuing to grow participation across the state. It is very much business as usual for Little Athletics in South Australia.

Little Athletics has always played a vital role in our sport, providing a welcoming, community-based introduction for children built on family, fun and fitness. That foundation, and the pathway it provides for young athletes as they grow and develop, will remain unchanged.

There are also opportunities to continue strengthening our relationship with Athletics SA. We have already worked together on a number of initiatives that benefit athletics in our state, and ongoing collaboration can only help create stronger outcomes for South Australians of all ages.

There is still work to be done nationally to finalise the structure and implementation details. We will continue to keep you informed as things progress, and I ask that you share this update with your club community. We have also included a link to a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document, which should help address many of the questions that may arise from today's announcement.

A further national update is expected by mid-February 2026.

I also want to acknowledge that the timing of this announcement is not ideal, coming so close to Christmas and as our office prepares to close for the holiday period. The team and I understand that this update may raise questions, and we are available to respond to questions today and tomorrow until 11am. After that, the office will close



as the team takes some well-deserved rest and for the Little Athletics SA Christmas party. Please be assured that any remaining questions and concerns will be addressed when we return on Monday 5 January.

In addition, we have a mid-season conference planned for Sunday 8 February, which will provide clubs with the opportunity to meet with Myles Foreman, CEO of Little Athletics Australia, and ask any questions directly.

In the meantime, I encourage you to finish the year with confidence and take the opportunity to enjoy the festive period. We will provide further information as soon as possible and will continue to keep you informed into the new year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "J Sternagel".

**Jane Sternagel**

President

Little Athletics South Australia