

## **Little Athletics SA Officials Academy – Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is the Officials Academy?**

The Official's Academy is designed to give ex athletes and parents an opportunity to stay involved with the sport of athletics and the chance to become an Olympic Official.

### **What is Involved in the Officials Academy?**

It is an exciting opportunity to learn the correct way to officiate by completing courses and putting knowledge into practice at State Events.

### **How old do I have to be to join the Academy?**

The minimum age to be an official is 14 years old.

### **Is there a Selection Criteria?**

You are required to have a Working With Children Check (WWCC) or be willing to obtain one.

### **Do I need to have any officiating experience to join?**

No, you don't need any experience. The Official's Academy will provide you with the training and practice you will need to become a State Official.

### **What does the onboarding processes look like once I join the academy?**

After registering your interest for the Officials Academy, you will be given a link to start your Level 0 courses. These are purely online and can be done at any time. Once you have completed this, you will be notified of the next steps.



### **When and where will the courses/sessions be held?**

Once completing your expression of interest, you will be directed to complete the Level 0 Officiating Courses. A member of the SALAA team will be in contact with you for in person sessions.

### **What would a typical session look like?**

Each session is different. It will range from theory, practical and shadowing a State Official at one of our State Events.

### **Can I focus on my favourite events in the Academy?**

Yes, you can choose to learn how to officiate any event of your choice. However, to complete the Level 0 Courses you will be required to complete training for all events which are relevant to Little Athletics.

### **What do I get for joining the Academy?**

You will be provided with an Officials Academy Shirt, login details for the training courses, and added to our email list for future opportunities and experiences.

### **What benefits do I get for joining the Academy?**

By being part of the Officials Academy, you will gain new skills, work closely with SA's best event officials, be involved at state events at the stadium and become a member of the SALAA Officials Hub - Facebook Group.

### **Will I get to put my skills into practice?**

Yes, all the skills you learn throughout the Academy will be put into practice at our State Events.

### **I'm interested in applying, who can I contact for some more information?**

Please fill in the Expression of Interest form by [CLICKING HERE](#). If you experience any issues with this or have any further questions, please contact Alex Hughes on [programs@salaa.org.au](mailto:programs@salaa.org.au)