



AUSTRALIAN ATHLETICS OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAOAC)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

Combining the roles of the Australian Officials Education Committee and the Officials Advisory Committee, the Australian Athletics Officials Advisory Committee (AAOAC) will act as the conduit through which the technical delivery and education of Technical Officials best supports the sport of athletics in Australia. The AAOAC will act as an advisory to the Athletics Australia Executive Management Team as well as the Coles Little Athletics Board and represent all Officials across the One Sport initiative.

FUNCTION

The Australian Athletics Officials Advisory Committee will contribute to the ongoing development of officiating in Australia by:

1. Provide input and feedback into the strategic direction of both Athletics Australia and Coles Little Athletics Australia as it relates to officiating
2. Assist in determining the direction of new initiatives that will improve the quality and quantity of the Australian Officials fraternity.
3. Promote the best interests of all Technical Officials representing the challenges, issues and concerns faced by officials across Australia
4. Continually strive to improve Australian Athletics officiating programs, products and education platforms.
5. Provide direction on the technical needs of athletics competition within Australia, working with relevant Member Association personnel and other relevant partners and agencies to formulate quality controls procedures and best practice.
6. Be an advocate for Athletics Australia and Coles Little Athletics Australia to ensure a positive culture associated with Officiating in Australia.

MEMBERSHIP

Committee Members will be sourced through an Expression of Interest process with applications addressing formal selection criteria. In finalising membership, consideration will be given to ensuring a balance of Officials across the entire sport as well as a range of experiences and skills.

Membership of the AAOAC will be determined by Executive Management of Athletics Australia and Coles Little Athletics Australia. Successful applicants will be identified on the basis of:

- their involvement in the delivery and management of the sport across all levels
- their expertise in their chosen field to ensure a rounded knowledge base within the committee
- their technical expertise to determine and implement development for the overall benefit of the officials' workforce in Australia
- their approach to officiating within Australia

With the approval of AA/LAA, the AAOAC may:

1. co-opt members at appropriate times to take control of specific circumstance, experience and expertise
2. form sub-committees or working groups within the committee with suitable delegated powers for specific areas of development

Members will be elected for a two (2) year term with a maximum four (4) year duration. All memberships will be reviewed annually.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings will be held no less than four (4) times each calendar year, unless otherwise agreed by the AAOAC. A minimum of two (2) meetings each year will be face to face. Meeting dates will be decided on the first meeting of the calendar year. A minimum of five (5) members will be required to make quorum.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Australian Athletics Officials Advisory Committee is a non-statutory body. The role and functions of the AAOAC are advisory in nature. It is not a decision-making forum and does not consider issues or outcomes of operational matters.