

**LAA BOARD REGULATION
HALL OF FAME RECIPIENTS
&
OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR
CRITERIA AND PROCESS**

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INTRODUCTION

The Board of Coles Little Athletics Australia (“LAA”) has an important strategic and corporate governance role as the governing body for Little Athletics in Australia. The Board has a special relationship with its key stakeholder being its state and territory Member Associations (“MA’s”). Accordingly, it is important that both LAA and its MA’s are involved in the process of the bestowal to recipient of Hall of Fame Status of LAA. Traditionally, acceptance into the Hall of Fame is one of the highest honours that can be bestowed by LAA.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Hall of Fame status has been bestowed on recipients by LAA and its predecessor since 2009. After the inaugural year of 2009, it was determined by the Board that no more than 2 inductees to be inducted per category (see below) in any one year. The Board of LAA considered that given the program has been going for about 15 years that it was timely for the Board to review the Criteria and procedures for the Hall of Fame process. Whilst not a Hall of Fame award, LAA recently have bestowed on certain officials the Official of the Year award at the Hall of Fame ceremony. This regulation codifies for the Board the previous procedures of LAA in respect to the Hall of Fame and Official of the Year process respectively.

AUTHORITY

Under Clause 22.1(a) of the LAA Constitution “The Board may from time to time make regulations which in their opinion are necessary or desirable for the administration and management of LAA affairs and LAA may amend repeal and replace those regulations. In turn, Clause 22.1(b) provides that “Interpretation of the Regulations is solely the responsibility of the board”. Pursuant to these powers, the Board is to make a Regulation in respect to the criteria and selection process of Hall of Fame and Official of the Year recipients.

PART ONE – HALL OF FAME

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

A Categories

There are four broad categories for induction to the Hall of Fame:

- **Track and Field** - Former Little Athletes who have represented Australia in athletics.
- **Sportsperson** - Former Little Athletes who have competed at the highest level in their Sporting discipline / in their designated Sport.
- **Achievers** - Former Little Athletes who have achieved in a non-sport related discipline.
- **Volunteers** - Any person (outside those eligible above) and/or families who have made an outstanding contribution to Little Athletics in Australia.

B Eligibility under each category

(i) Track and Field

The general criteria for this category include:

1. Any ex little athlete who has represented Australia in track and field at the following international events:
 - Olympic Games;
 - Commonwealth Games;
 - World Championship – Senior and/or Junior; and
 - Any other major international competition recognised by the Board or internationally e.g. Good Will Games
2. Ranking of the ex little athlete will first be based on number of times selected and with priority given in descending order of selection for:
 - Olympic Games;
 - Commonwealth Games;
 - World Championship – Senior and/or Junior; and
 - Any other major international competition recognised by the Board or internationally e.g., Good Will Games
3. Ranking of the ex little athlete will then be based on number of medals with priority given in descending order of placings for:
 - Olympic Games;
 - Commonwealth Games;
 - World Championship – Senior and/or Junior; and
 - Any other major international competition recognised by the Board or internationally e.g. Good Will Games
4. Eligibility is not restricted by age or gender.
5. The ex little athletes must have competed for at least 3 seasons in Little Athletics.
6. Ranking priority will be given to ex little athletes who have continued to support Little Athletics as a coach, ambassador etc.
7. A Nominee can still be competing in the sport.

(ii) Sportsperson

The general criteria for this category include:

1. Any ex little athlete who has represented their chosen sport at the highest level of competition that their sport offers at either a national level (where not an international Sport) or internationally where an international sport.
2. Eligibility is not restricted by age or gender.
3. The ex little athletes must have competed for at least 3 seasons in Little Athletics.
4. Priority will be given to ex little athletes who have continued to support Little Athletics as a coach, ambassador etc.
5. The nominee can still be competing in their chosen sport.

(iii) Achievers

The general criteria for this category include:

1. Any ex little athlete who has achieved in a non-sport related endeavour.
2. This includes but is not limited to Business, Arts, Entertainment, Politics, etc.
3. Eligibility is not restricted by age or gender.
4. Priority will be given to ex little athletes who have continued to support Little Athletics as a coach, ambassador etc.
5. The ex little athlete must have competed for at least 3 seasons in Little Athletics.
6. The nominee can still be active in their chosen field.

(iv) Volunteers

This category includes coaches, administrators, and anyone else who in the Board's view has made or have made an outstanding contribution to Little Athletics.

This category excludes nomination for service as an official. Where an individual is to be recognised for service as an official over an extended period of time, the Official of the Year Award should be used.

Little Athletics Australia Life Members and Merit Award winners are also eligible in this category.

The general criteria for this category include:

1. Nominees **MUST** have previously been recognised by a Member Association for a State / Territory Volunteer Little Athletics Award to be eligible for nomination.
2. Eligibility is not restricted by age or gender.
3. Nominees must have demonstrated the values of Little Athletics and a sustained commitment to Little Athletics.
4. Nominees must have volunteered for at least 5 seasons in Little Athletics.
5. The nominee can still be an active volunteer.

ANNUAL SELECTION PROCESS

- a) The LAA CEO can receive Hall of Fame nominations from the LAA Board and MA's.
- b) Where nominated by the LAA Board, the Authorised Representative of the Little Athletics Australia Member Association or the Australian Athletics Member Association is required to validate that the individual participated in Little Athletics while affiliated to Little Athletics Australia in that State/Territory.
- c) Should a member of the public wish to nominate an individual they must do so via the MA the individual participated in Little Athletics.
- d) Member Associations are able to nominate a maximum of three individuals per Hall of Fame category.
- e) The LAA Board will ultimately consider and approve the successful nominations to be made each year. It will approve the nominations upon recommendations of the Subcommittee of the Board dealing with Hall of Fame nominations ("The Special Awards Committee"). The Chair of this subcommittee is a board member. The Board of LAA, from time to time, may at its absolute discretion appoint an independent member to the Special Awards Committee for a specific term or terms.
- f) All Hall of Fame nominations submitted to the LAA CEO and considered by the Special Awards Committee must be submitted via the prescribed nomination form and address satisfactorily all of the various criteria for the particular category of the nominee.
- g) The nominations must include a detailed profile of the nominee, a photo of the nominee and it is essential that current contact details for the nominee are included. The detailed profile of the nominee must include at the very least information on the nominee's Little Athletics background and major achievements.
- h) Nominations not submitted via the prescribed form and incomplete will not be accepted.
- i) The Special Awards Committee may request additional information about nominees to assist with the selection process.
- j) For the sake of completeness, the LAA Board decision on a successful nomination is final and no correspondence will be entered into in respect to those decisions.
- k) Unsuccessful nominations in a particular year will not be retained. Unsuccessful nominees must be renominated to be eligible for consideration.
- l) The LAA Board at its absolute discretion will determine the time and place for the Hall of Fame presentation. Generally, the Hall of Fame Presentation will be made in April of each year at ALAC for successful nominees for the previous year.

RIGHT TO WITHDRAW HALL OF FAME STATUS

The Board of LAA reserves the right in exceptional cases to remove Hall of Fame (previously Roll of Excellence) membership from any inductee. This is the case where the inductee has, in the opinion of the Board, either prior to the induction or subsequent to their induction into the Hall of Fame, undertaken actions that are either inappropriate, could be considered to have brought Little Athletics into disrepute or have been inconsistent with the fundamental values, purpose and philosophy of LAA.

PART TWO – OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

The nomination process and the selection of the Official of the Year is substantially similar as the Hall of Fame processes albeit that it is not a Hall of Fame award. That is in short, a MA or the LAA Board can nominate an official for this award.

The general criteria for this award include:

1. Nominees **MUST** have previously been recognised by a Member Association for a State / Territory Little Athletics Award to be eligible for nomination.
2. Eligibility is not restricted by age or gender.
3. Nominees must have demonstrated the values of Little Athletics and a sustained commitment to Little Athletics.
4. Nominees must have officiated for at least 6 seasons in Little Athletics at State and/or National Competitions and contributes positively to the overall morale of the official's fraternity.
5. Ranking of official be based on number of years officiating at a State and/or National Competitions.
6. A nominee can still be participating as an official.

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- b) Where nominated by the LAA Board, the Authorised Representative of the Little Athletics Australia Member Association or the Australian Athletics Member Association is required to validate that the individual participated in Little Athletics while affiliated to Little Athletics Australia in that State/Territory.
- c) The nomination is received by the LAA Board through the LAA CEO, the Special Awards Committee reviews the nominations and makes recommendations in respect to the award but the ultimate determiner of the award is the Board.
- d) Member Associations are able to submit no more than two nominations for Official of the Year.
- e) All Official of the Year nominations submitted to the LAA CEO and considered by the Special Awards Committee must be submitted via the prescribed nomination form and address satisfactorily all of the various criteria for the particular category of nominee outlined above.
- f) The nominations must include a detailed profile of the nominee, a photo of the nominee and it is essential that current contact details for the nominee are included. The detailed profile of the nominee must include at the very least information on the nominee's Little Athletics background and major achievements.
- g) Nominations not submitted via the presubscribed form and incomplete will not be accepted.
- h) For the sake of completeness, the LAA Boards decision on a successful nomination is final and no correspondence will be entered into in respect to those decisions.
- i) Unsuccessful nominations in a particular year will not be retained. Unsuccessful nominees must be renominated to be eligible for consideration.
- j) The Board also in exceptional circumstances reserves the right to remove the Official of the Year title for similar reasons as set out above for a Hall of Fame recipient.

REVIEW OF REGULATION.

The Board of LAA will review this regulation every 2 years from the date the regulation was confirmed by the Board.