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COLES LITTLE ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA JOINS INTERNATIONAL SPORTS CONFEDERATION

Coles Little Athletics Australia (LAA) today announced it has been approved as a Member of the International Workers & Amateurs Sports Confederation (CSIT).

Founded in Ghent/Belgium in 1913 the CSIT movement includes more than 80 member organisations from over 60 countries, with over 200million members and 35 partners worldwide.

CSIT is the founder of the CSIT World Sports Games (WSG) and develops the WSG as international amateur sports games which offer all non-professional athletes a sustainable and unique stage for competition in a spirit of friendship and global citizenship.

Since 1973 CSIT has been a member of the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) and has been recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) since 1986. A core value of CSIT is to enable for all CSIT members a positive sports experience with the primary focus of CSIT sports activities the joy of physical activity with a positive spirit.

"CSIT's mission and values are closely aligned with Little Athletics. As a member of CSIT Little Athletics now has an opportunity to participate, contribute and learn from international networking platforms. Importantly LAA now has an opportunity to send a squad of athletes from Little Athletics to the CSIT World Sport Games. This aligns with LAA's commitment to provide more opportunity for our athletes to participate in international tours which provide cultural experience and competition to assist in the development on and off the track and field." said Myles Foreman CEO Coles Little Athletics Australia.

General Secretary Wolfgang Burghardt: *"CSIT as a world association is delighted to have gained a potent partner on the Australian continent as a member. We see ourselves as a world association with an expansion strategy, which in any case includes an expansion of CSIT and its network in this part of the globe. In any case, Little Athletics Australia can play a key role here and act as a cornerstone for CSIT in this region. The CSIT as a multisport confederation for amateur and also for junior sports, recognized by the IOC for almost 40 years, is furthermore pleased to welcome a sports federation of an Olympic sport like athletics on board."*

"Given the next WSG are being held in Italy in early September 2023 this does not provide enough time to organise a squad for the next WSG, but planning has already commenced to send a squad to the 2025 WSG to be held in Greece. LAA will have a representative at WSG in Italy in September to see the WSG and meet with CSIT as part of planning for future WSG and building a strong partnership with CSIT for the benefit of Little Athletics." added Myles Foreman.

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