

Media Release



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NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2024 COLES LITTLE ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES OFFICIAL & CENTRE AWARDS

Coles Little Athletics Australia announces nominations are now open for the 2024 Coles Little Athletics Australia Hall of Fame and Official & Centre of the Year Awards to be presented at the annual Hall of Fame Ceremony to be held in Adelaide in April 2025.

Over 90 former Little Athletes have already been inducted since the Coles Little Athletics Australia Hall of Fame was first launched in 2009. Inductees include Olympic and Commonwealth medal winners across multiple sports, AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Cycling, Football, Golf, Hockey, Lacrosse, Netball, Rowing, Rugby Union, Surfers, Skiing who have completed at the highest level of their sport, as well as Politicians, Journalists and Entertainers.

The Centre of the Year Award recognises Little Athletics Centres who have been a leader and innovator in delivering upon Little Athletics core values of Family, Fun and Fitness. The Official of the Year Award recognises an official who has demonstrated the values of Little Athletics and a sustained commitment to Little Athletics.

“Since the foundation of Little Athletics 60 years ago over 4.3 million Little Athletes have participated in Little Athletics. The Hall of Fame is an opportunity to recognize some of our former Little Athletes across the categories of Track & Field, Sportsperson, Achievers and Volunteers. The Official and Centre of the Year Awards provide an opportunity to recognize those who over the past twelve months have continued delivering upon Little Athletics core values of Family, Fun and Fitness”. said Myles Foreman Chief Executive Officer Coles Little Athletics Australia.

Little Athletics Centres / Clubs and members of the public are encouraged to contact your State & Territory Member Association (MA) should you wish to recommend nominees for the Hall of Fame and Official & Centre of the Year Awards.

COLES LITTLE ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame recognises former participants who have achieved at the highest level in their chosen sport or profession.

- **Track and Field** – Former Little Athletes who have represented Australia in athletics
- **Sportsperson** – Former Little Athletes who have competed at the highest level in 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. (Excludes Officials)
- Full details of the Hall of Fame and Regulations / Criteria can be found at: <https://www.littleathletics.com.au/about-us/hall-of-fame/>

Nominations May Be Submitted by

- State & Territory Member Associations (MA)
- LAA Board (Where nominated by the LAA Board the Authorised Representative of the MA is required to validate the individual participated in Little Athletics in that State/Territory).
- Public - Should a member of the public wish to nominate an individual they must do so via the MA the individual participated in Little Athletics.

COLES LITTLE ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Official of the Year is recognised and awarded at the Coles Little Athletics Australia Hall of Fame. To be considered for nomination as the Official of the Year, one must:

- Regularly participates at Association/State Competitions in the previous 12 months
- Relates well to athletes and fellow Officials
- Makes an outstanding contribution throughout the previous season
- Contributes positively to the overall moral of the official's fraternity
- Full details of the Official of the Year Award Regulations / Criteria can be found at: <https://www.littleathletics.com.au/about-us/official-of-the-year/>

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- State & Territory Member Associations (MA)
- LAA Board (Where nominated by the LAA Board the Authorised Representative of the MA is required to validate the individual participated in Little Athletics in that State/Territory).

COLES LITTLE ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA CENTRE OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Centre of the Year Award recognises Little Athletics Centres who have been a leader and innovator in delivering upon Little Athletics core values of Family, Fun and Fitness. With a focus on being able to demonstrate excellence in at least three of the following areas of (1) Diversity & Inclusion, (2) Innovation, (3) Community, (4) Governance and (5) National.

Member Associations to nominate one Centre from each of the Categories:

- **Category One: Major City Little Athletics Centre of the Year**
A Little Athletics Centre located in Major Cities of Australia.
- **Category Two: Inner Regional Little Athletics Centre of the Year**
A Little Athletics Centre located in Inner Regional Australia.
- **Category Three: Outer Regional & Remote Little Athletics Centre of the Year**
A Little Athletics Centre located in Outer Regional, Remote and Very Remote Australia.
- Full details of the Centre of the Year Award Regulations / Criteria can be found at: <https://www.littleathletics.com.au/coles-little-athletics-australia-centre-of-the-year-award/>

Nominations May Be Submitted by

- State & Territory Member Associations (MA) Only

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 5.00PM (AEDT) THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2025

State & Territory Member Associations (MA) have been provided with the details of the Regulations and location of the Nomination Forms.

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HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

- The Hall of Fame Ceremony will be held on Saturday 26 April 2025 in Adelaide to coincide with the 2025 Coles Australian Little Athletics Championships.
- Hall of Fame Inductees, Official of the Year and Centre of the Year Awards will be presented at the ceremony.

For more information

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