

LAA BOARD REGULATION
COLES CENTRE OF THE YEAR CRITERIA AND PROCESS
(Regulation 08/02/2023)
(Updated 12 January 2024)

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 stakeholders 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 the Centre of the Year of LAA.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Hall of Fame (Formally Roll of Honour) for (1) Track and Field, (2) Sports person, (3) Achievers and (4) Volunteers has been bestowed on recipients by LAA since 2009. The Official of the Year Award was introduced in 2018 and while not part of the Hall of Fame is presented at the annual Hall of Fame Ceremony. The Centre of the Year Award was introduced in 2023 and is also presented at the annual Hall of Fame Ceremony.

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 Centre of the Year.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR CENTRE OF THE YEAR

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

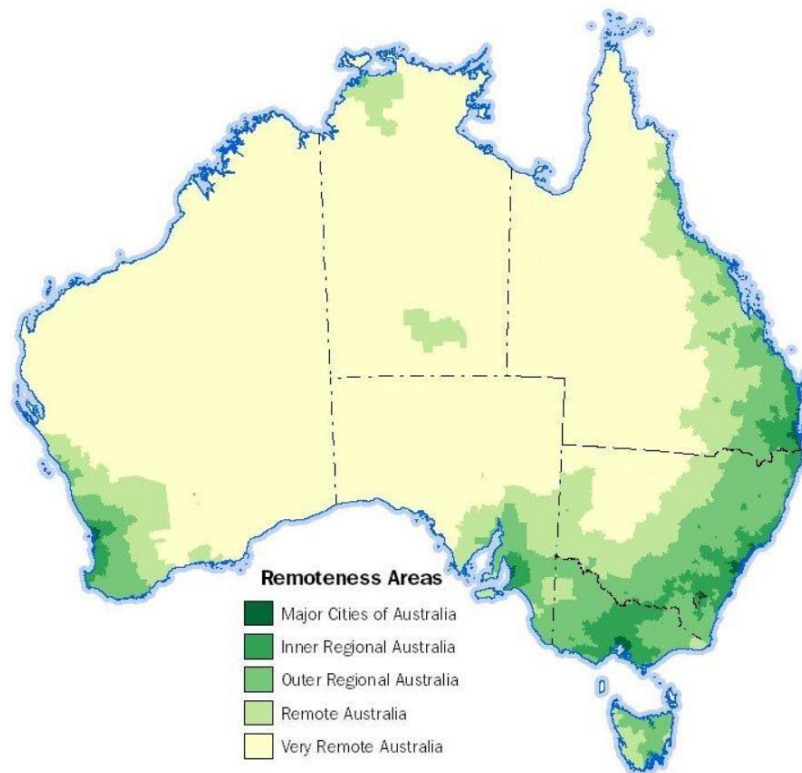
A Little Athletics Centre located in Outer Regional, Remote and Very Remote Australia.

Categories Definition:

Definitions generally based on Australian Bureau of Statistics Classes of remoteness.

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(Link updated 07/01/2025)



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A Little Athletics Centre located in Major Cities of Australia.

Inner Regional Little Athletics Centre of the Year:

A Little Athletics Centre located in Inner Regional Australia.

Outer Regional & Remote Little Athletics Centre of the Year:

A Little Athletics Centre located in Outer Regional, Remote and Very Remote Australia.

In the unlikely event of a misunderstanding or dispute as to the appropriate category for a Centre, the Special Awards Committee of LAA will be the final arbiter of that decision

Criteria

- Nominations can only be submitted by Member Associations.
- Member Associations are able to nominate a maximum of one Centre from each of the Categories

Category One:

Major City Little Athletics Centre of the Year

Category Two:

Inner Regional Little Athletics Centre of the Year

Category Three

Outer Regional & Remote Little Athletics Centre of the Year

Criteria Requirements

The Nominated Centres must demonstrate for the previous season how that Centre has been a leader and innovator in delivering upon Little Athletics core values of Family, Fun and Fitness across at least three of criteria One – Four and criteria Five.

Criteria One:

- **Diversity & Inclusion**

The Centre to demonstrate how it is nurturing an inclusive culture and delivering an inclusive and safe environment for athletes and diverse participants to connect, inspire and achieve together.

Criteria Two:

- **Innovation**

The Centre to demonstrate innovation when delivering the Little Athletics experience and programs to build depth and the longevity of the Centre and Little Athletics as a community sport of choice.

Criteria Three:

- **Community**

The Centre to demonstrate how it has connected with and made a positive impact in the local community through direct engagement activity, the use of social media and other activities.

Criteria Four:

- **Governance**

The Centre to demonstrate how it's values and support systems are structured via the Centres Governance structures, policies and procedures which exemplifies the highest standards in ethical behaviours and integrity.

Criteria Five:

- **National**

The Centre to demonstrate how it has participated in and excelled in national activities and campaigns to include at least the Coles Community Round.

Other Criteria

- The outstanding achievements that have been made in and out of competition in the previous Season -Summer or Winter or both.
- Nominees must be a Centre affiliated with a Member Association which is affiliated with Coles Little Athletics Australia.
- Nominations for each of the categories can only be submitted by the Member Association to which the Centre is affiliated.

PRIZE FOR WINNING CENTRE IN EACH CATEGORY

- Coles will provide a \$2,000 Coles e-Gift Card to each of the category winners.
- Coles Little Athletics Australia will provide a Coles Little Athletics Australia Centre of the Year Category Winners Trophy.
- A physical OR virtual appearance for category winners from a Coles and/or Little Athletics Australia Ambassador within 12 months of winning the award.

winning Centres will be invited to record an acceptance speech to be played at the annual Hall of Fame Ceremony.

RIGHT TO WITHDRAW CENTRE OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Board of LAA reserves the right in exceptional cases to remove Centre of the Year where the Centre has, in the opinion of the Board, either prior to the Award or subsequent to their Award, on the basis actions by the Centre 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.

ANNUAL SELECTION PROCESS

- a) The nomination process and the selection of the Centre of the year is to be received by LAA CEO who will then provide all Nominations to the Special Awards Committee who will then review the nominations and make recommendations in respect to the award but the ultimate determiner of the award is the LAA Board.
- b) The nomination form for the Centre of the Year requires contact details for the Centre. It also needs to establish that the Centre can demonstrate at least three of criteria One – Four and criteria Five.
- c) Member Associations are able to nominate a maximum of one Centre from each of the Categories.
- d) Where the Member Association already has a Centre of the Year Award, nominations should be first drawn from this group.
- e) All Centre 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 outlined above.
- f) Nominations will not be accepted if they are incomplete and are not submitted via the prescribed form.
- g) The Special Awards Committee may request additional information about nominees to assist with the selection process.
- h) Unsuccessful nominees must be renominated & endorsed in the following year to be eligible for consideration.

REVIEW OF REGULATION.

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