

Centre Awards Policy

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Introduction

This document describes the policy for awards at Collingwood Little Athletics Centre Inc. This policy has been approved by the Collingwood Little Athletics Centre Committee.

For the purposes of this policy:

- Collingwood Little Athletics Centre and CLAC means Collingwood Little Athletics Centre and Collingwood Little Athletics Centre Incorporated.
- CLAC Competition Days are Track and Field competition days organised and held by CLAC as part of the normal Centre Summer competition season. It does not include CLAC Multi Event, CLAC Open Days, CLAC Relay Days, Region and State Events and events held by other Centres.
- Region refers to the Region that CLAC is a part of. Currently this is Eastern Metropolitan Region (EMR) but may change from time to time.
- For the purposes of this document, 'Personal Best' refers to an athlete's best performance in an event for the current season.

Competition Points

- Points are awarded for each event, other than as part of the On Track program, contested at each CLAC Competition Day.
- Athletes must be registered and financial on the day of competition in order to achieve Competition Points for that competition.
- A minimum of 1 point is earned for each event contested according to the athlete's overall placing within their age group and gender group (not each heat).
- Athletes who take part in an event but are disqualified, do not finish, or fail to make a valid throw or jump, will be awarded 1 point.
- Compensation points may be awarded if an athlete is unable to attend a CLAC competition day due to participation in an EMR or JDS camp, State Multi Event or other Little Athletics Victoria Event approved by the CLAC committee. Other than for attendance at an EMR Camp, it is the athlete's responsibility to confirm to the CLAC Committee that they may qualify for Compensation Points and the awarding of Compensation Points is at the discretion of the CLAC Committee.

- The CLAC Committee may also approve Compensation Points where an athlete is unable to attend a CLAC Competition Day as a result of participation in a sport or similar, other than athletics, at a State or National level of competition. It is the athlete's responsibility to apply to the CLAC Committee for Compensation Points and it is at the Committee's discretion to approve or not the awarding of Compensation Points.
- The CLAC Committee will only approve Compensation Points where travel to and from the events detailed above; the day and time when the event is held; or where the requirements of the events detailed above result in the athlete not being able to attend the CLAC Competition Day. Compensation Points will not be awarded where the athlete chooses not to attend the CLAC Competition Day so as to prepare or 'rest up' for the event detailed above.
- The amount of Compensation Points differs if the athlete's age group undertakes On Track on the day of the athlete's absence, as shown below.
- The CLAC Committee may decide to award a smaller number of Compensation Points if the number of events that the athlete's age group undertakes on the day of the athlete's absence is reduced for any reason, including wet weather.
- Points are also awarded to athletes who break or equal a Centre Record whilst competing at CLAC Competition, CLAC Open Day or CLAC Multi Event, in accordance with the Centre Records policy. A maximum of 10 points will be awarded per event per day irrespective of how many times an athlete breaks the Centre Record in an event on the same day. Results achieved at training sessions, camps, external club Open Days, Relay Events and any other Event will not be considered for CLAC Centre Record ratification. While CLAC will attempt to monitor results achieved at non-CLAC events, it is an athlete's responsibility to inform the CLAC Committee if they think that they may have broken or equalled a Centre Record at a non-CLAC event.
- If the Centre Executive decide to reduce the number of Competition Days within a season due to a Competition Day being cancelled (see Minimum Participation), no Competition Points achieved for the cancelled day will be awarded, including Compensation Points.
- Where less than 3 athletes in an age group meet the Minimum Participation, the Executive can exercise discretion on the Minimum Participation for that age group only.
- Points are awarded based on the following Points System:

Place	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th – n	Break Centre Record	Equal Centre Record	Comp.* Fri.	Comp.* Sat.
No On-Track	10	8	6	4	2	1	10	5	20	25
On-Track	10	8	6	4	2	1	10	5	15	15

* Comp. = Compensation Points

Minimum Participation

- In order to achieve Minimum Participation, an athlete must participate in at least the number of CLAC Competition Days shown in the table below and as described in this section:

Number of Competition Days	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Minimum Participation	7	8	8	9	10	10	11

- Where the Number of Competition Days is not shown in the table above, the Minimum Participation is calculated as 60% of the Number of Competition Days rounded to the nearest whole number.
- The Centre Executive reserves the right to adjust the number of Competition Days during a season, at its discretion, where a Competition Day is partly or fully rained out, or otherwise cancelled and unable to be completed. However, the Centre Executive is not required to cancel a Competition Day simply on the basis that not all events on that day were able to be completed.
- Any change to the number of Competition Days in the Season will cause a consequential change in the Minimum Participation.
- If the Centre Executive decide to reduce the number of Competition Days within a season due to Competition Day being cancelled, no participation for the cancelled day will be recognised.
- An athlete is considered to have participated in a Competition Day where that athlete has qualified for at least 1 point on that day including, where approved, Compensation Points.

Personal Best

- The first result achieved in each event for each athlete on a CLAC Competition Day will set the initial 'benchmark' for that event for that athlete but will not be recognised as a Personal Best.
- If, during the season, the athlete's result in the same event is better than their 'benchmark' for that event, the athlete will have achieved a Personal Best and this result will become their benchmark for that event.

Summer Season Awards

Best Athlete in Age Group Award – Under 7-16

- Medals or Trophies are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each gender and each age group from Under 7 to Under 16 based on the aggregate number of Competition Points earned throughout the season.
- To qualify for this award, athletes must also achieve Minimum Participation.
- An athlete who receives a 'Best Athlete in Age Group' award will not receive an 'Athlete Achievement Award'.
- For clarification, 'Best Athlete in Age Group' award winners also qualify for the 'Most Improved Athlete in Age Group' award.

Most Improved Athlete in Age Group Award – Under 7-16

- Medals or Trophies are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each age group from Under 7 to Under 16 based on the number of Personal Best results achieved on CLAC Competition Days through the season.
- To qualify for this award, athletes must also achieve Minimum Participation.
- An athlete who receives a 'Most Improved Athlete in Age Group' award will not receive an 'Athlete Achievement Award'.
- For clarification, 'Most Improved Athlete in Age Group' award winners also qualify for the 'Best Athlete in Age Group' award.

Athlete Achievement Award – Under 7-16

- Medals or Trophies are awarded to athletes from Under 7 to Under 16 who achieve Minimum Participation but do not receive a 'Best Athlete in Age Group' award or 'Most Improved Athlete in Age Group' award.
- The Centre Executive reserves the right to award an 'Athlete Achievement Award' to an athlete or athletes who have not achieved Minimum Participation, due to unforeseen circumstances or due to when they registered during the season, but have demonstrated a good attitude and approach to their athletics and the Centre.

On Track Athlete Achievement Award – Under 6

- Medals or Trophies are awarded to Under 6 athletes who achieve Minimum Participation.
- The Centre Executive reserves the right to award an 'On Track Athlete Achievement Award' to an athlete or athletes who have not achieved Minimum Participation, due to unforeseen circumstances or due to when they registered during the season, but have demonstrated a good attitude and approach to their athletics and the Centre.

Records and State Qualifiers

- Athletes who equal or beat a Centre Record will receive a recognition certificate.
- Athletes who compete at State Championships will receive a recognition certificate.

Champion Boy and Girl – Under 9-12 combined

- A trophy is awarded to the Boy and Girl, from within the Under 9 to Under 12 age groups, with the greatest number of points awarded across the age groups within the season, as per the 'Best in Age Group Award'.
- To qualify for this award, athletes must meet the requirements as listed under the 'Best in Age Group' award.
- For the purposes of this award, the Centre Executive may 'pro rata' all the points achieved in one or more age groups and gender groups where the number of events contested by different age groups and gender groups over the season are not equal.

Best First Year Boy and Girl – Under 8-12 combined

- A trophy is awarded to the Boy and Girl for which it is their first season as a Little Athlete (who has registered with CLAC for the first time), from within the Under 8 to Under 12 age groups, with the greatest number of points awarded across the age groups within the season, as per the 'Best in Age Group Award'.
- To qualify for this award, athletes must meet the requirements as listed under the 'Best in Age Group' award.
- For the purposes of this award, the Centre Executive may 'pro rata' all the points achieved in one or more age groups and gender groups where the number of events contested by different age groups and gender groups over the season are not equal.

Centre Most Improved Boy and Girl – Under 8-16 combined

- A trophy is awarded to the Boy and Girl, from within the Under 8 to Under 16 age groups, with the greatest number of Personal Best results earned across the age groups within the season, as per the 'Most Improved in Age Group Award'.
- To qualify for this award, athletes must meet the requirements as listed under the 'Most Improved in Age Group' award.
- For the purposes of this award, the Centre Executive may 'pro rata' the number of Personal Bests achieved in one or more age groups and gender groups where the number of events contested by different age groups and gender groups over the season are not equal.

Life Members Award

- The Life Members Award is received by the athlete with the most outstanding achievement at the State Track and Field Championships held within the season.
- Factors in addition to results are taken into account in this award.
- All athletes who compete at the State Track and Field Championships are eligible for the award.
- A panel of three Life Members, selected by the Centre Executive, independently rank the top 3 athletes they believe have exemplified good sportsmanship, persistence and resilience and who have achieved extraordinary results with respect to the athlete's individual circumstances. The votes are then tallied to determine the recipient.

CLAC Centre Award Presentation Event – Summer Season

Summer Season Awards are presented at the Centre's Annual Award Presentation Event. This is an opportunity for all athletes, parents, coaches, volunteers and committee members to come together and celebrate the achievements of all athletes during the season. All athletes are encouraged to attend to collect their awards.

If athletes are unable to be present to receive their awards, arrangements should be made with the CLAC Secretary for collection at the clubrooms. The Centre cannot guarantee safekeeping, nor be responsible for uncollected awards. Awards will be kept by the Centre for a minimum of 6 months, following the Presentation Event.

NOTE: please firstly refer to Results HQ online for your athlete's results and attendance information before contacting CLAV at season end and prior to the Presentation Event if you are unsure if your athlete will qualify for an award.

Winter Cross Country Season Awards

Attendance Award

- All athletes who attend a minimum number of Eastern 7 Cross Country Events and other recognised Cross Country Events will receive an Attendance Award.
- The Centre Executive will determine, and publish, the events that qualify and the minimum number of these events that an athlete must compete in to achieve this award.

CLAC Centre Award Presentation Event – Cross Country Season

Winter Cross Country Awards are presented at a separate ceremony following the close of the Cross Country season. This is an opportunity for all athletes, parents, coaches, volunteers and committee members to come together and celebrate the achievements of all athletes during the season. All athletes are encouraged to attend to collect their awards.

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