

# Collingwood Little Athletics 2021/22 Season Information



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**This is a brief introduction to the Collingwood Little Athletics Centre (CLAC) for families for the 2021/22 season. Please read carefully as due to COVID this season may be required to operate differently from previous seasons, and in line with COVID protocols and restrictions.**

## Summer Season Overview

Our Welcome Day will be held on Saturday the 13th of November 2021 at the George Knott Athletics Track from 9.30am – 11.30am and you will be able to participate in some track and field events, collect competition tags and buy uniforms.

Our summer season competition is scheduled to commence on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2021. This is subject to what Melbourne Covid restrictions allow at that time. The CLAC season will consist of 15 weeks of events. This will be comprised of 12 competition meets, a Multi-Day, and two Nitro/ Handicap nights.

## LAVic Registration Portal Open:

**When:** Expected to be open by mid October 2021

**Where:** <https://lavic.com.au/membership/>

## First Club Competition Day:

**When:** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Where:** George Knott Reserve and Athletics Track, Clifton Hill

## What is the 2021/22 annual membership fee?

The 2021/22 season membership fee is **\$170** (this consists of the \$89 Little Athletics Victoria affiliation fee and \$81 CLAC fee). CLAC will cover the additional costs to run the program throughout the season. If you register two or more children (from the same family) then a \$10 discount per child is applicable so the membership fee is **\$160 per child for families of two or more.**

## What does the membership fee cover?

The membership fee covers both the Summer season and Winter cross country:

- Club and interclub based competition for all U6 – U16 athletes
- Seasonal skill development at club and association level for all U6 – U8 athletes
- Club training and development (Tuesdays 4-5 pm) with Athletics Australia qualified coaches
- Access to Little Athletics Victoria Junior Development Squad training (qualification dependant)
- Regional and state based competition for U9 – U16 athletes (entry/qualification dependant)

## How will the competition days work?

Our competitions are split evenly between Saturday mornings and Friday nights (refer draft season calendar). At each competition all U8 – U16 athletes will compete in four events (sprint/ distance/ jump & throw). U6 & U7 athletes will compete on-track activities under the guidance of a qualified coach.

The **Saturday morning competition will run from 8.30am – 10.30am** and the **Friday evening competition will run from 5.30pm – 7.15pm.**

**How will you keep attendance records?**

We'll be using TeamApp for you to nominate that you will be attending a weekly competition/ training session so we can ensure we have sufficient coaches on duty. Upon your arrival at the competition or training session you will be required to use the QR code to check-in and record your attendance. Please ensure you have registered for CLAC on TeamApp and have added each of your children to your account, along with their correct age group.

**Will CLAC be providing hand sanitiser?**

Hand sanitiser and wipes will be available at all events, and in the changeroom and toilets.

**Are facemasks required within the track?**

We are waiting for the government to release its guidelines regarding the requirement for facemasks. Once we receive these guidelines we will advise our members.

**How is the equipment being sanitised before, during and after competitions?**

All equipment will be cleaned with disinfectant wipes before and after use (the exception being if an athlete supplies their own equipment).

Athletes will be required to sanitise their hands after using equipment, including their own.

*High jump:* all forms of high jump are permissible, with all equipment being thoroughly cleaned after the session.

*Shot Put/ Discus/ Javelin:* these implements will be cleaned and sanitised before & after use by each athlete. Only the Coaches and Covid Safety Official - CSO (or other person(s) designated by the CSO) can collect equipment from the equipment shed and then return it.

**Will there be access to the club changerooms and toilet facilities?**

Access to changerooms and toilets is permitted and will be open for use.

**Will the canteen be operating?**

The canteen will be open however it may initially be required to operate outside which may impact the range of items supplied.

**What are the physical distancing guidelines?**

All attendees (exclusive of competing athletes) will be required to strictly maintain physical distancing of at least 1.5m at all times.

Adults who are not volunteering at events will be required to stay on the side grass area or on the stand.

Parents/ guardians will be not be able to go onto the track or oval.

**How do I enter and exit George Knott Athletics Track for competition meets?**

Entry to the track will be via the **Heidelberg Rd** gate from the car park, and you will be required to scan the QR code on entry. As you enter, we'll direct the athlete to their warm-up area/ first event.

The Exit gate will be via the **Merri Creek** gate and you will be required to scan the QR code again to exit.

CLAC will have committee members on the entry gate to ensure every attendee has scanned the QR code.

For full LA Vic Metropolitan Melbourne COVID-19 Protocols refer to <https://lavic.com.au/covid-19/>