

Collingwood Little Athletics

2025/26 Season Information



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Summer Season Overview

We will hold an Information Day/ Skills Clinic on Saturday the 13th of September at the George Knott Athletics Track from 9.00am – 11.00am.

Our 1st Competition meeting will be held on Friday the 10th of October 2025 at the George Knott Athletics Track from 5.30pm – 7.30pm. You will be able to participate in some track and field events, collect competition tags and buy uniforms/ merchandise.

The CLAC summer season will consist of 18 weeks of events. This will be comprised of 16 competition meets, and two Nitro/ Handicap events. Summer athletics membership automatically includes the Cross-Country season, running from April-September 2026.

LAVic Registration Portal Open:

When: 24th September 2025

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

Season Start Date/ First Club Competition Day:

When: Friday 9th October 2025

Where: George Knott Reserve and Athletics Track, Clifton Hill

What is the 2025/26 annual membership fee?

The **membership fee is \$215** (this consists of the \$89 Little Athletics Victoria affiliation fee and \$116 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 will be applied to the second & any subsequent children registered (hence the fee is **\$205 for the 2nd, 3rd & 4th child registered**).

New/ potential members can initially register for a **"two week trial"** to make sure they enjoy it before having to register for the full season & pay the membership fee.

When you register/ pay for the season you will also need to purchase a CLAC singlet to wear at our weekly competitions & region/ state events. **The cost of the singlet is \$35**. There is additional CLAC merchandise (hoodie/ shorts/ cap/ drink bottle) that can be purchased however these items aren't compulsory.

What does the membership fee cover?

The membership fee covers both the Summer (track) and Winter (cross country) seasons including:

- Club and interclub based competition for all U6 – U17 athletes
- Club training and development (every Tuesday from 4-5 pm) for all **season registered/ fully paid** athletes only with Athletics Australia qualified coaches
- Access to Little Athletics Victoria Junior Development Squad training (qualification dependant)
- Regional and State-based competition for U9 – U17 athletes (entry/qualification dependant)

Parent Volunteering

To ensure the smooth running of the events, we need approximately 15 parent volunteers each week. These roles include helping to run the events, and are a great way of getting involved, meeting others in your community and getting to know the kids in our Centre. To fairly distribute the volunteering, we ask that each parent volunteers 3-4 times over the course of the season. You can sign up for your preferred event at the start of each night.

Volunteer roles range from escorting the younger groups to their events (perfect if you have a u6/7/8 child that you want to watch compete!), through to measuring throws, recording results or coordinating athletes at the start/finish of track events. Our coaches and experienced volunteers are always around to help explain the details.

For those unable to help at events (e.g. due to the need to supervise younger siblings), consider joining the committee and finding a role that you can help out at other times – e.g. marketing, collecting bananas from Coles for the athletes, or treasurer!

How will the competition days work?

Our competitions are held on **Friday nights from 5:30-7:30pm** (refer to 2025/26 Season Calendar). At each competition all U8 – U17 athletes will compete in four events (sprint/ distance/ jump & throw). U6 & U7 athletes will complete skill development activities and events under the guidance of a qualified coach.

There is no requirement to attend every week. You can attend whatever weeks suit you. An athlete must attend a minimum of 5 weeks to be eligible for a trophy at our end of season awards night.