



## UNDER 12 ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION POLICY

Ridgewood Little Athletics Centre will award a Centre Athlete Scholarship at the end of each Summer Season to an athlete that has shown outstanding performance during their Under 12 summer season.

### Aim:

The Aim of the RLAC Athlete Scholarship is to assist athletes in qualifying to represent Western Australia in the Little Athletics National Championships in the following season as Under 13 athlete.

In order to ensure a fair, objective and open process the following Selection Policy will apply:

### Selection Committee:

The Selection Committee will consist of three (3) members being:

1. Centre Coach
2. Centre President
3. Another person nominated by the RLAC Board. This person does not necessarily need to be a current Board Member but is chosen on their knowledge and experience.

### Conflict of Interest:

No family members of possible nominated athletes may be on the Selection Committee. If the Centre Coach and/or Centre President is excluded based on family conflict of interest, the Centre Board shall choose another person as the replacement member of the Selection Committee.

### Selection Policy:

The Selection Committee will select an Under 12 athlete following the Little Athletics State Track and Field Championships based on the below criteria (in order) :

1. Athlete awarded a State Gold Medal at the Little Athletics WA State Track and Field Championships.
2. Athlete awarded a State Silver Medal at the Little Athletics WA State Track and Field Championships.
3. Athlete awarded a State Bronze Medal at the Little Athletics WA State Track and Field Championships.
4. Athlete placed in the Top 5 at the Little Athletics WA State Track and Field Championships.
5. Athlete did not attend the WA State Championships due to injury or illness, but has a season best result equivalent or better than the medal result achieved at the Little Athletics WA State Track and Field Championships.

If two or more athletes qualify at the same level, then their best result in another event at the Little Athletics WA State Track and Field Championships will determine their ranking.



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The Selection Committee can, at their discretion, award a second Centre Athlete Scholarship if the Committee believes that the athlete qualifying second under the above criteria is a good chance of being awarded a State Medal and being selected in the WA State Team in the following season.

If the Centre does not have an athlete that has qualified under the selection criteria above, then no scholarship will be awarded for that season.

The athlete must have competed at a minimum of 70% of all RLAC meets during the season or provide suitable medical certificates to justify not having attended.

The Selection Committee can exclude any athlete from the scholarship based on the athlete or their parents showing poor sportsmanship, attitude or behaviour.

The Centre Scholarship recipients will be announced at the end of season trophy presentation.

The Selection Committee will be responsible for all dispute and complaint resolution, if required.

#### Scholarship Details

The Centre will provide the following to the Athlete selected to receive the Scholarship:

- One training session per week with a specialised coach for their one chosen event (subject to availability of a suitable coach)
- For a period of 6 months from September to March
- Up to a maximum value of \$400

Events will be sprints, horizontal jumps, throws, distance, walks, hurdles, high jump

All training sessions are compulsory.

If an athlete misses 2 sessions during a month, without extenuating circumstances agreed by the Selection Committee, then the Athlete Scholarship will be cancelled.

Furthermore, if the athlete or their parents displays poor behaviour, sportsmanship or attitude the Selection Committee may cancel the scholarship.

The Athlete who has been awarded the Scholarship must remain a registered athlete with Ridgewood Little Athletics Centre for at least the following 2 seasons.



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