

# CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT

SEASON 2024 - 2025

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# Overview / Foreword

*This will be summarised and placed into an Annual Report document once all reports have been tabled and accepted by the Committee.*

As we close the books on another remarkable season at City North Little Athletics, it is with pride and gratitude that I look back on the challenges, achievements, and community spirit that have defined our year.

## **Leadership and Transition**

This season brought change to our committee. We congratulate Blake Frost, who served as Centre Manager for both the 2023–24 and 2024–25 seasons, on his well-deserved appointment to the Board of Directors for Little Athletics Queensland (LAQ) in 2024, as well as his recent appointment in June 2025 as the Vice-President of the Board. This exciting step for Blake did mean, however, he had to step down as Centre Manager from October 2024.

With Blake vacating the role, the club faced a critical juncture: without a Centre Manager, we risk losing incorporation and, ultimately, the future of our club. After 6 weeks of repeated calls for nominations for a new Centre Manager with no interest, I agreed to take on the 'interim' role to ensure continuity for our families and keep the Club buoyant, alongside my existing Committee role as Secretary. I am deeply grateful to Blake for his behind-the-scenes guidance, and to past Centre Managers Riwa Kwan and David Fitzell (amongst many), whose support and advice were invaluable as I took on this new challenge.

## **Weather and Resilience**

The weather once again played a significant role in our season, impacting athlete readiness and engagement, and causing us to miss several competition days, which also impacted the cycle of events planned weekly. Thanks to everyone who acted quickly to secure our equipment and property ahead of Tropical Cyclone Alfred. While we avoided the severe riverine flooding experienced in February 2022, the persistent wet weather reminded us of the need to review and adapt our plans for future seasons – this will particularly play out for Club Champs in future seasons.

## **Opportunity and Collaboration**

Despite the challenges, the weather also presented opportunities. We were able to host two inter-club competition weekends at The University of Queensland with Kenmore Little Athletics Club—a new and rewarding connection, given that Kenmore is part of the Met West region. Special thanks to Paul Kwan for his support as Equipment Manager, ensuring our trailer and gear was ready for these events. Thank you also to the Committee members who made the journey across town and helped with timing, starting, marshalling and recording. We hope to make such collaborations a regular feature of our seasons.

## **Sponsors and Community Support**

We extend our thanks to LAQ's major sponsors—Coles, McDonald's, and Hart Sports—and look forward to leveraging their growing support in the years ahead. While Coles Community Round was unfortunately rained out, we are excited to promote this initiative to our families next season.

We also welcomed The Feet People, a local podiatry clinic, who trialled an activation at a Saturday competition, along with branding on the day and cross-promotion on social media.

### **Athlete Achievements**

In spite of the disruptions, our athletes shone brightly, with outstanding participation at the LAQ Summer Carnival, Met North Regional Relays, and Met North Regional Championships. Congratulations to all who progressed to State level—a testament to their dedication and skill. We remain committed to complementing the LAQ program to ensure as many athletes as possible enjoy competition and the camaraderie that comes with making new friends across the Met North region.

### **Volunteering and Committee**

Volunteering continues to be a challenge, as it is for many community groups. We will be placing this issue front and centre in the new season, exploring options such as different volunteering programs and rebates/bonds. Our large and experienced committee has been a tremendous asset, but it is time to welcome new members to support our athletes and families—especially to secure a pipeline of committee options as some current members will be likely stepping down in coming seasons as their children age out or move on to Queensland Athletics.

The crux of the challenge will be this - we don't currently have enough committee members or officials to run a Saturday club competition without significant help and support from our families. If we don't recruit new committee members, we are at risk of straining relationships within the committee by asking too much of each other, leading to burnout, and this in turn may limit the Saturday format, which will ultimately impact our athletes. We will need to empower our families to feel confident to volunteer as well. We are consulting with other Met North Little Athletics clubs and LAQ to look at ways to grow our capability in this space.

I do want to recognise and thank all our parents who have volunteered at competition days, Regional Relays, and States, and congratulate those nominated for Parent Volunteer of the Season. Every contribution is valued and makes a difference.

### **Looking Ahead**

Though progress on the new clubhouse with St Margaret's has been slow, we remain hopeful for a new meeting place before the end of next season. There is much to look forward to, and I am confident that with the continued support of our community, City North Little Athletics will go from strength to strength.

**To all our athletes, families, and volunteers—thank you for making this season possible. Your passion, commitment, and spirit are what make our club truly special.**

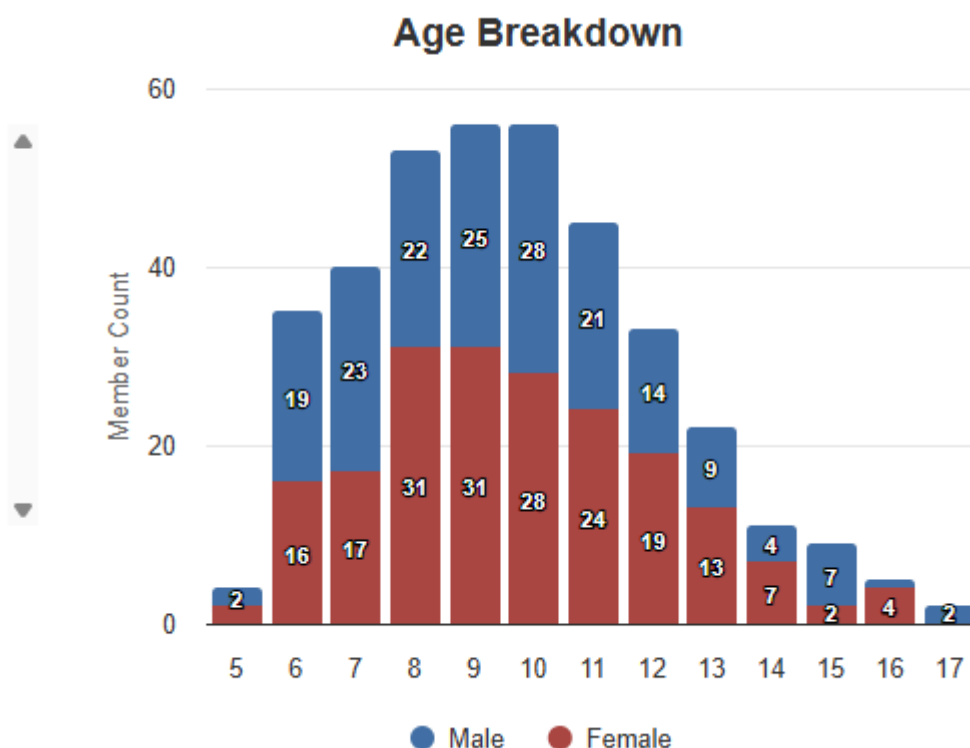
Rachel Ellison  
Centre Manager  
City North Little Athletics

# Registrations Report

During the 2024–25 season, City North Little Athletics (CNLA) has seen stable year-on-year athlete registrations, aligning with the broader growth trends reported by Little Athletics Queensland (LAQ) at the June AGM. Our membership grew 6% YOY and it reflects healthy engagement across the community.

This season, our largest growth was observed in [Group X], while we continue to see athletes naturally age out of the program after turning 12—a trend that, while expected, underscores the importance of welcoming and involving families of our youngest athletes. Their early engagement is crucial as we seek to strengthen our pool of parent volunteers and committee members for the future.

It is noted that this season also showed a few U5 athletes. This is not a formal age grouping within LAQ and they have traditionally been younger siblings of existing athletes folded into U6s. This will not be a feature that we will be able to take forward into upcoming seasons. This is partly due to the new Sports:80 registration system which won't allow us to amend age groupings; and also due to LAQ's policies around athlete age and appropriate activity levels. LAQ are investing significantly into the reestablishment of the Tiny Tots program, as is Little Athletics Australia, so if we continue to welcome 3–5 year olds into the club environment, it will be in the Tiny Tots format. This will also require specialist equipment and coach to athlete ratios so a focus on grants and funding will come into play if CNLA decides to introduce this level voluntarily in the next season.



Despite a season marked by numerous postponements and cancellations due to weather, we are pleased to report that, where possible, weekly attendance at club competitions has grown compared to last season.

The widened adoption of the government's FairPlay voucher scheme saw significant uptake in registration. The number of registrations using these vouchers increased from a small number in previous seasons to 233 in 2024–25, resulting in significant additional administrative work behind the scenes. We extend our thanks to Malcolm, Angie, Shane, and Beck for their tireless efforts in managing these extra steps to ensure our athletes were processed promptly.

Looking ahead, it is worth noting that in Term 3 2025, LAQ will be rolling out its Ultimate Athletics program at five schools within the proximity of CNLA centre (ie CNLA will be the feeder club for enquiries from this initiative). Centenary Little Athletics' experience—where involvement in a similar initiative led to a 20% increase in memberships—highlights the potential for growth in our club registrations and engagement as we prepare for increased enquiries from school athletes.

Our commitment to not capping age groups remained this year, although we did monitor the U8 and U9 Girls groups closely as numbers approached 30 athletes. The proactive work of previous years, particularly in splitting groups for events like high jump, has helped manage bottlenecks and ensured better flow of competition days. We will continue to iterate our competition programs, with the goal of finishing Saturday events closer to 5:00 pm than 6:00 pm.

LAQ's Coles Summer Carnival numbers were lower than in previous years; however, we fielded strong teams at both Regional Relays and Regional Championships.

Finally, we have again sought feedback from families via a parent survey, but response rates have remained low. This limited engagement was expected but is a concern we will address as we plan for the upcoming season, striving to better understand and meet the needs of our community.

# Co-Treasurer's Report

Treasurers Annual Report for year ended 31 March 2025

Presented by Malcolm Hancock and Angie Hicks (co-treasurers) AGM 29 June 2025

## Financial Reports

We are pleased to present the FY25 financial reports consisting of the profit and loss and balance sheet. FY25 was a good year with a positive net profit of \$13k (compared to a prior year loss of \$14k). At 31 March 2025 we had cash at bank of approximately \$82k (currently approx. \$63k). The club continues to perform strongly and maintain a strong balance sheet position. During the year we restructured coach payments to align with other clubs and in line with external advice. The payments are akin to volunteer payments in most circumstances (unless professional coach/carrying on a coaching business). Due to our size and absence of external requirements we are not required to be audited, however we are required to provide the below declaration as responsible persons.

*Financial declaration for Responsible Person per section 60.15 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022*

*The Responsible People declare that in the Responsible People's opinion:*

- (a) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and*
- (b) the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.*

*Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-forprofits Commission Regulations 2022.*

Angie Hicks

Malcolm Hancock

Dated this 29th day of June 2025

## Remuneration Disclosure

Under new guidance we are required to disclose remuneration and other benefits given to management committee members, senior staff and relatives. We are not aware of any payments or benefits requiring disclosure.

## Compliance

**OFT** – This is not required due to size. Done historically for grants, within 1 month of AGM.

**ATO** – first year 31 March 2024 was due 31 March 2025 – Angie will follow up

Non-charitable not-for-profits (NFPs) with an active Australian business number (ABN) need to lodge an annual NFP self-review return to confirm their eligibility to self-assess as income tax exempt. The annual reporting requirement is designed to enhance transparency and integrity in the system, by ensuring only eligible NFPs access income tax exemption. This measure was announced by the Federal Government on 11 May 2021, with the first NFP self-review return required for the 2023–24 income year. You will need to answer up to 5 questions based on the eligible category you are self-assessing income tax exemption under.

The key questions are:

- What is the estimated annual gross revenue for the organisation?
- Choose a category that best reflects the main purpose of the organisation.
- Does the organisation have and follow clauses in its governing documents that prohibit the distribution of income or assets to individuals or members?
- Does the organisation exist, operate and incur its expenditure entirely in Australia?
- Does the organisation have any charitable purposes?

**LAQ reporting** – required to upload AGM minutes, OFT annual return, financial statements and asset register. Rachel as Secretary to complete in due course.



## Balance Sheet

### City North Branch Little Athletics Incorporated As at 31 March 2025

	31 MAR 2025	31 MAR 2024
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Bank</b>		
Business Cheque Account	55,462.71	28,492.78
Business WebSavings Account	27,122.47	26,779.03
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>82,585.18</b>	<b>55,271.81</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Float - Canteen	519.00	415.50
Inventory	11,202.00	13,260.50
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>11,721.00</b>	<b>13,676.00</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Buggy	7,572.50	7,572.50
Building	24,479.00	24,479.00
Furniture and Equipment	104,850.52	104,850.52
Less Accumulated depreciation	(3,975.58)	(3,407.64)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Building	(21,589.03)	(19,753.10)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Furniture and Equipment	(23,140.31)	(16,218.39)
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>88,197.10</b>	<b>97,522.89</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>182,503.28</b>	<b>166,470.70</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accrued Expenses	3,278.50	-
Superannuation Payable	2,903.75	2,765.18
Wages Payable - Payroll	2,220.00	3,478.85
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>8,402.25</b>	<b>6,244.03</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>8,402.25</b>	<b>6,244.03</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>174,101.03</b>	<b>160,226.67</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Current Year Earnings	13,874.36	(14,403.14)
Retained Earnings	160,226.67	174,629.81
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>174,101.03</b>	<b>160,226.67</b>

## Profit and Loss Statement

### City North Branch Little Athletics Incorporated For the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
<b>Trading Income</b>		
Canteen Income	3,134.00	3,055.00
Grants	2,210.00	1,266.37
Interest Income	457.47	419.94
Nominations	965.00	1,190.00
Registration	56,090.72	46,288.58
Sundry Income	-	750.00
Uniforms	18,965.50	17,162.50
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b>81,822.69</b>	<b>70,132.39</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>		
Canteen - Purchases	1,824.23	1,778.01
Uniforms - Purchases	15,298.00	16,598.55
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>17,122.23</b>	<b>18,376.56</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>64,700.46</b>	<b>51,755.83</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Audit	-	660.00
Bank Fees	-	78.23
Coach Payments	21,217.50	27,172.36
Consulting & Accounting	3,114.97	2,705.50
Depreciation	9,325.79	9,325.79
FDMSA Fee	900.13	1,276.60
General Expenses	-	169.22
Insurance	-	149.88
Minor Assets additions under \$1000.00	1,224.50	-
Motor Vehicle Expenses	581.85	957.94
Nominations Expenses	5,188.96	6,300.00
Office Expenses	686.41	125.00
Printing & Stationery	-	89.50
Registration Expenses	(37.00)	55.00
Rent/Lease	1,441.00	-
Repairs and Maintenance	1,696.89	5,942.35
Subscriptions	125.00	-
Sundry Expense	-	199.89
Superannuation	318.05	8,201.91
Telephone & Internet	190.00	163.40
Travel - National	500.00	2,163.04
Trophy Day	3,937.98	-
Workcover	414.07	423.36
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>50,826.10</b>	<b>66,158.97</b>
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>13,874.36</b>	<b>(14,403.14)</b>

# Athlete Achievements

Our athletes achieved 5,855 personal bests this season at CNLA competitions, which is a terrific achievement. Last season we had 5,690, which had more competition dates.

## Club Records Achieved This Season

Name	Age Group	Event	Record
Jordan Wong	17 B	110m Hurdles	22.37
Ethan Gration	16 B	Long Jump	5.29m
Ethan Gration	16 B	High Jump	1.75m
Ashley Blackman	16 G	High Jump	1.66m
Joshua Kwan	15 B	Long Jump	6.05m
Noah Matsuda	15 B	90m Hurdles	19.18
Charlotte Reid	13 G	1500m	5:10.41
Dylan Reid	13 B	1500m	4:46.24
Brighton Dunlop	12 G	Discus	31.88m
Patrick Reid	11 B	800m	2:29.06
Patrick Reid	11 B	1500m	4:55.09
Zacharias Appo	10 B	High Jump	1.33m
Zacharias Appo	10 B	Long Jump	4.48m
Sofia Gard	9 G	1500m	6:14.55
Edie Van Niekerk	9 G	700m	2:37.82
Jade-Li Mahony	8 G	Vortex	17.38m
Lara Mahony	7 G	Vortex	9.43m

## 2024/2025 End of Season Centre Awards

	Age Champs - 1st	Age Champs - 2nd	Age Champs - 3rd	Most Improved	Encouragement Award
<b>U6B</b>	Leo Harvey	Samuel Osborne	Henry Stirling	Lachlan Crooke	Louis Swindells
<b>U6G</b>	Emilia Martin	Lara Mahony	Bonnie Baxter	Lara Mahony	Zoe Hamel
<b>U7B</b>	Thomas Hochen	Jonty Van Niekerk	Darcy Toohey	Darcy Toohey	William Johnston
<b>U7G</b>	Amity Roma Swenson	Rosie Reed	Avia Joy Swenson	Amity Roma Swenson	Ava Smith
<b>U8B</b>	Ashton Michailidis	Remy Wiegman	Alby Ray Swenson	Alby Ray Swenson	Ryan Van Der Blom
<b>U8G</b>	Lara Abdic	Kitty Stannard	Madeline Rataj	Madeline Rataj	Juniper Harwood
<b>U9B</b>	Arlo John Swenson	Brodie Mitchell	Jack Petrie	Arlo John Swenson Jasper Theil Brodie Mitchell	Sam Hanna
<b>U9G</b>	Edie Van Niekerk	Alba Lister	Eva-Maria Escibano Leonard	Michaela Mitchell	Hazel Ellison & Sofia Gard
<b>U10B</b>	Zacharias Appo	Kash Martin	Callum Buckley	Callum Buckley	Ezrah Bosen / John Stanton
<b>U10G</b>	Isabelle McQueen	Camilla Reed	Sophie Whitehorn	Pia Wiegman	Thalia Hill
<b>U11B</b>	Idris Neville	Jack Hughes	Henry Gordon	Jack Hughes	James Balfour
<b>U11G</b>	Elodie MacKenzie	Taylah Victory	Alice Searles	Zoe Frost	Rosie Van Niekerk
<b>U12B</b>	Boyd Beveridge	Ethan Sullivan	Marcus Kwan	Boyd Beveridge	Jayden Patten
<b>U12G</b>	Brighton Dunlop	Ava Gard	Alba Stiller	Ava Toohey Brighton Dunlop*	Siana Delgado Garcia
<b>U13B</b>	Harry Hicks	Dylan Reid	Joseph White	Tobey Kuchel	
<b>U13G</b>	Taylor Hughes	Charlotte Reed	Grace Demetrovics	Taylor Murrige	Caoimhe White & Arabella Pozzebon
<b>U14B</b>	Max Cocco	Sebastian Bryan	Harry Atkins	Max Cocco	
<b>U14G</b>	Alexis Taylor	Giselle Vickery	Helen Hoessler	Giselle Vickery	Annabelle Cummings
<b>U15B</b>	Matthew Blackman	Aitoriai Appo	Joshua Kwan	Max Thomas	
<b>U15G</b>				Julie Hovorkova	
<b>U16B</b>	Ethan Gratton				
<b>U16G</b>	Ashley Blackman	Emma Hicks	Grace Hancock	Ashley Blackman	
<b>U16B</b>	Jordan Wong	Aidan Nyssen	-	Jordan Wong	



<b>Most Consistent</b>	Marcus Thomson
<b>Darryl Paroz Recipient</b>	Jade-Li Mahony
<b>Coaches' Choice</b>	Rex Roddy, Ava MacKenzie, Alex Swindells, Ella Madey
<b>Centre Manager's Awards</b>	Ashley Blackman, Olivia Blackman
<b>Centre Spirit</b>	Alira Michailidis, Ali Namazie
<b>Rising Stars</b>	Edie Van Niekerk, Eva-Maria Escribano-Leonard Zacharias Appo
<b>Outstanding Achievement</b>	Ethan Gration
<b>Sportsperson of the Year</b>	Patrick Reid

## McDonald's Achievement Levels

McDonald's Achievement Levels in Little Athletics Queensland are based on athlete performance, with levels indicating different performance standards. The levels are: Green (good, achievable by 95–100%), Red (very good, achievable by about 65%), and Blue (excellent, achievable by about 20%)

238 CNLA athletes achieved a level certificate in 2024/2025 season.

Green - 84

Red - 110

Blue - 44

## LAQ competitions

CNLA fielded teams for various LAQ competitions this season.

- 1) **Met North HART Sport Regional Relays**
  - 126 individual athletes at Regional Relays with 60 relay teams (3 Regional Best Performances)
- 2) **McDonald's State Relay Championships**
  - 30 individuals for field events progressed to State relays, as well as 25 relay teams.
- 3) **LAQ Hart Sports Summer Carnival**: 80 athletes competed
- 4) **McDonald's Combined Event Championships**: 20 athletes competed
- 5) **Met North HART Sports Regional Championships**:
  - 130 individual athletes (6 Regional Best Performances)
- 6) **McDonald's State Championships**
  - 66 athletes progressed to State Champs (1 Queensland Best Performance)

## Regional Relays Best Performances

Boys U11 Distance Medley	4:41.53
Girls U12 Distance Medley	4:59.36
Mixed 11–13 Distance Medley	4:55.61

## Regional Championships Best Performances

### Patrick Reid

U11 Boys 800m 2:28.96 (equal)  
U11 Boys 1500m 4:57.82

### Ethan Gration

U16 Boys High Jump 1.81m

### Zacharias Appo

U10 Boys High Jump 1.35m

### Ashley Blackman

U16 Girls High Jump 1.66m

### Joshua Kwan

U15 Boys Long Jump 6.27m  
State Champs Queensland Best Performance

### Patrick Reid

Boys U11 1500m 4:45.66

## 2024/2025 Committee

Thank you to all the Committee for the season that has been.

All roles were vacated at the AGM in June and the hope is we can attract additional families to engage with the committee ongoing, to bolster numbers as some families say farewell to the centre.

We are always looking for expressions of interest to find out more about some of the roles within our committee - whether that be general or for the Exec. Based on LAQ's constitution and the Associations Incorporation Act of 1981, we are required to have at least a Centre Manager, a Treasurer, and a Secretary.

We are also on the look out for people to learn some of the ongoing or weekly roles to ensure we can continue to provide the Saturday competition format we enjoy each week.

- **Centre Manager** – Manages the club meetings, represents the club at regional meetings, ensures adherence to LAQ requirements for centre operations, maintains relationships with stakeholders
- **Assistant Centre Manager** – Supports Centre Manager in performing duties and to be deputised if needed.
- **Secretary** – Manages the enquiry inbox (correspondence), Minutes
- **Treasurer** – In and outbound payments, Centre Financial records, financial reporting
- **Assistant Treasurer** – to support the Treasurer's requirements.
- **Registrar** – Manage registrations and athlete information.
- **Recording Officers** – ensures competition results are entered into the online competition and results platform.
- **Canteen Convenor** – Supplies canteen stock and operates with support from age group volunteers each Saturday
- **Uniform Manager** – Ensures adequate supply of uniforms, coordinates sales, supports annual stocktake, operates with support from age group volunteers.
- **Fundraising / Grants Officer** – Responsible for reviewing available grants and fundraising opportunities, liaising with Committee on requirements, and submitting applications on behalf of the centre.
- **Equipment Manager** – Control equipment, prep and maintain area, complete annual inventory
- **Team Manager** – Compiles relay and external CNLA teams to regionals and states. In conjunction with coaches, is the designated representative at LAQ competitions for the club and oversees performance (this should not be a member of the executive)
- **Coaching Manager** – Organise coaching, education for parents and encourage participation in LAQ coaching programs. Organise training and coaching responsibilities and format and manage timesheets.
- **Technology Manager** – maintains access for both software and hardware for the club; is the super-user for systems. Ensures adequate hardware for recording, as well as coordinating with Equipment Manager on athletic-specific equipment (ie timing gates)
- **Communications Manager** – Maintains and updates TeamApp and social media (Meta), as well as generates content when available.
- **Grievance Officer** – this is a designated committee member (who may have another role also) to be the intake point of contact for any grievance in line with LAQ or government requirements.
- **General Committee Roles** – attends meetings, contributes ideas, is a spokesperson for their age group, supports committee when and where possible, encourages other club members to do the same.

# Coaching Report

During the 2024–25 season, City North Little Athletics (CNLA) has seen stable year-on-year athlete registrations but weekly coaching opportunities were also restricted by weather conditions.

We thank all our coaches for their guidance. Many of our coaches had had study or personal sporting commitments that have clashed with the set times for training and CNLA competitions.

A focus for the coming season is to diversify our coaching pool and ensure we have adequate coaching numbers to ensure new skills are introduced safely and effectively to our athletes.

There may also be a reframing of coaching roles on Saturday competition days to support the upskilling of parent volunteers and officiating roles, to ensure that we are preparing athletes for external competition formats.

Coaching is one of our largest investments each season and we want to ensure that we utilise our resourcing effectively. This may mean that we change the format of mid-week coaching to ensure we have appropriate ratios and revise roles for officiating on Saturday competitions vs coaching. We will continue to ask for family and athlete feedback to refine this.

## Fees and Registrations

### Fairplay Adoption

233 Fairplay vouchers (valued at \$200 each) were applied in the 2024/2025 registrations, which is a significant increase from the previous season, based on the campaign from the State Government.

The State Government has recently advised a new initiative similar to Fairplay vouchers. From Monday 4 August, Queensland families can claim a \$200 **Play On!** voucher per child aged between 5 and 17. We will need to be aware of these during the registration process as it will likely continue to impact our ways of working.



# Fees

## 2024–2025 Fee Structure

Age	Total Fee	LAQ component	By week
U6s	\$ 241.94	\$ 60	~ \$12.13 for 15 weeks (no LAQ events)
U7s-U17s	\$262.34	\$ 92	~\$7.75 for 22 weeks (incl LAQ events)
3rd child +	\$242.34	\$ 92	
4th child	\$222.34	\$ 92	
5th child +	\$200.34	\$92	

## 2025/2026 Season Fee Structure

For the 2025/2026 season, the LAQ component will rise to \$98 per athlete (U6s - U17s), with Tiny Tots going from \$60 to \$66. Additionally LAQ Dual registration with QA is waived by LAQ for U16 and U17 athletes only. The biggest challenge will be seen in the U6 cohort, with the LAQ component increasing to \$98, and we propose a smaller change in overall fee in the 25–26 season to make the increase in this age group lesser in the next season.

Age	Proposed Total Fee	LAQ component
Tiny Tots *	\$ 170	\$ 66
U6s	\$260	\$98
U7s-U17s	\$290	\$98
3rd child +	\$270	\$98
4th child	\$250	\$98
5th child +	\$220	\$98

## Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots is proposed as a small group trial in the 2025/2026 season to test the requirements needed to fulfill what we expect will become a mandatory component of club offerings in seasons to come.

A Kedron Wavell RSL Clubs Grant proposal has been submitted to cover the costs of any additional equipment, specialist coaching or certification, and a specific sign on shirt for this group. Blake Frost is spearheading this initial along with LAQ support.

## Sport 80 – new platform

Importantly, as has been mentioned over the past 12 months, Little Athletics Queensland has moved to the new Sport:80 platform for registrations, with the system going live for our winter centres in February.

We are working hard to ensure information on the platform is communicated to all families, and especially to any committee administrators.

To allow us to prepare for the season ahead, LAQ has advised that they need to share some of the fees associated with use of this platform.

Annual License / Access Fee	No cost to Centres, all costs will be covered by LAQ.
Transaction Fee	1% + GST on all payments made through the system Costs to be borne by the entity collecting the fees.
Payment Processing Fee	2.2% Costs to be added on to transactions and paid by the member.

LAQ had advised that the Sport:80 platform will be cheaper for us to use than our existing solutions. Additionally, the fees collected through the platform will automatically be split to each group, and each party will be responsible for paying the transaction fee on each portion, further reducing the costs and importantly the workload for our volunteer administrators.

For example, if your total registration fee is \$250 for an Under 10 athlete

- \$84.80 of this goes directly to LAQ (who will pay \$0.848 of transaction fees)
- \$13.20 to LAA (who will pay \$0.132), and
- \$152 to your Centre (to subsequently pay \$1.52)

Super Admin training session from LAQ will take place in July, with the system likely to be open for registrations from August.

It will take up to 3 weeks for athletes to be sent their registration numbers directly, so CNLA will need to develop a way to identify athletes while waiting for numbers.

All athletes within Little Athletics Queensland will receive a new number in this platform – and they are randomly allocated, so we will be unable to accommodate requests for specific numbers. We will all have to communicate this to returning families that a new number is required.

This communication will be very important for those families who often wait till the last minute before LAQ events to register, as there will be a chance they will not receive their number in time (which is a mandatory uniform component).

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# Grant Update

Reported by Grants Officer, Steve Iselin, for June AGM.

FY25, CNLA applied for 4 grants:

- Active Clubs (Qld State Gov)
- Active Women and Girls (Qld State Gov)
- Volunteer (Commonwealth); and
- Coles (LQAA).

We were successful in 2 that both require investment by 30 June 2025:

**Active Clubs: \$2,500**

**Volunteer Grant (approx \$2340)**

## 2025/26

We have applied for a **volunteer grant** for this year. We have had tentative approval but presumably due to the election it has not been finalised. It was for several Ipads / tablets

The State Government grants have not been advertised for this year presumably due to a change of Government, and at this stage we don't know what they will be covering. We expect that we will know more once the State Budget is handed down.

## Other opportunities

The Gaming Community Benefit Fund super round (up to \$100,000) closes on 18 July 25. There are three rounds scheduled this year - the maximum that can be applied for in the other two rounds is \$35,000. There is the opportunity to work with St Margaret's on a proposal for the extension of the high jump apron.

Kedron Wavell Gaming - A proposal for Tiny Tots has been submitted to Kedron Wavell for ~\$5,000. The deadline for this is mid-July.