

NSW Athletics

Rules / Guidelines

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1. Aim

- 1.1. The Multi-Club Membership Policy is designed to empower athletes to make informed decisions about the Centres and Clubs they choose to join or represent, based on their individual needs and aspirations.
- 1.2. It seeks to provide flexibility for athletes to access athletics services and participate in competitions across multiple Centres or Clubs, thereby enhancing their overall experience within the sport. At the same time, the policy supports Clubs and Centres in maintaining and growing the quality of their services to current and prospective members.
- 1.3. By broadening opportunities for participation and engagement, the policy aims to maximise athlete involvement across the competition calendar.
- 1.4. Furthermore, it facilitates stronger representation at team-based competitions by allowing clubs to form teams that may include athletes who hold a secondary membership, ultimately enriching the competitive landscape of athletics in New South Wales.

2. Multi-Club Membership Eligibility

- 2.1. The Multi-Club Membership is available to the following age groups as per the grid below

Membership Type	Age Groups	Secondary Membership Permitted	Notes
Little Athletics	Tiny Tots, 6s, 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s, 12s	Yes	A member of a Little Athletics Club, may take out a Community Membership with a Senior Athletics Club or One-Athletics Club. This membership is 'non competitive' during the Track and field season, but may participate in Winter Championship events
Juniors	13s, 14s, 15s, 16s, 17s, U20	Yes	Can only take out one (1) membership with a Little Athletics Club
Open and Concession	Open and Masters	Yes	

3. Multi-Club Membership Rules

- 3.1. If an eligible athlete wishes to be a member of a second Club, they will be required to submit an online expression of interest form for validation and approval by staff.
- 3.2. Athletes who choose to register with two clubs will only be charged one (1) State-Level NSW Membership fee, however, may be subject to two (2) club fees depending on the policies of the respective clubs (see below).
- 3.3. Clubs may choose to charge a Club fee for athletes registering with a second Club should they wish. No additional state level fees will be charged by NSW Athletics.
- 3.4. There are no regional or geographic boundaries applied to an athletes' first second Club, though there are some restrictions on athlete eligibility for Country Championships (see Country Championships section below).

Competition Rules

4. NSW Track & Field Championships

- 4.1. In all State Championships (including pathway events that directly qualify an athlete for the State Championships) an athlete will determine the Club they wish to compete for at point of entry.
- 4.2. An athlete may only compete for one Club at each State Championships but may compete for a different Club across Championships where they are conducted across different weekends. In way of example, an athlete may compete for Club A at the NSW Junior Championships and Club B at the NSW 3000m Championships but cannot compete for Club A and Club B at the NSW Junior Championships.
- 4.3. Where a progression pathway exists athletes 8s-15s, the point of entry will be defined as either:
 - 4.3.1. Entry to the Zone Championships: If an athlete enters the Zone Championships, this will be defined as the point of entry. In this case, should an athlete qualify for either Region and/or State Championships, they will continue to compete for the club they entered at the Zone Championships.
 - 4.3.2. Direct entry to the State Championships: Where an athlete does not enter and/or compete at the Zone or Region Championships, their point of entry will be the State Championships. This is only relevant for an athlete who enters a State Championships event not offered at Zone or Region (e.g. Steeplechase, Pole Vault, Hammer Throw, Competition Pathway Hurdles, Competition Pathway Walks) and/or accepts a 'non-automatic qualifier' (next best 8) and has not entered and competed in a Zone or Region Championships.
- 4.4. For the avoidance of doubt, please note the following:
 - 4.4.1. An athlete that qualifies for the State Championships via the Zone and Region progression pathway but also wishes to enter an event at State Championships not offered at Zone or Region Championships (e.g. Steeplechase, Pole Vault, Hammer Throw), the athlete must compete in all events at the State Championships for the club they competed for at Zone/Region Championships.

- 4.4.2. Athletes may, where applicable, represent two separate clubs at Zone, Regional, or State Championships, provided that one of the representations is exclusively for the purpose of participating in a relay event.
- 4.4.3. Athletes in the 16s & 17s may have the opportunity to compete in Zone/Region Championships, but this is participatory only. In this case, the point of entry will be the athlete direct entry to the State Championships. They may compete for a different club at State Championships than Zone and Region Championships.
- 4.4.4. Athletes entering the Open, Masters, NSW Juniors (16,17s Under 20) Combined Events, NSW Distance Championships will define their club at entry and may change their designated club up until 15 minutes prior to the first event at the Championships.

4.5. NSW Country Championships

- 4.5.1. An athlete may choose to compete for either Club (as defined at point of entry), providing both clubs are considered 'country clubs' (are assigned to Region 1, 2, 3, or 4). An athlete may not compete for more than one (1) club at the Country Championships
- 4.5.2. If an athlete is a member of a 'Country' club (Region 1, 2, 3, or 4) and a Metropolitan club (Region 5, 6, 7, or 8) they may only participate in the Country Championships if their residential address is within the geographic boundaries of Region 1, 2, 3, or 4 i.e. they reside in a Country area. This is to ensure that the Country Championships are genuinely a Championship for country athletes.

4.6. Treloar Shield

- 4.6.1. Athletes may choose to compete for either club at each round of the Treloar Shield. By way of example, an athlete may compete for Club A in Round 1 and Club B at Round 2 but cannot compete for both Club A and Club B in Round 1.
- 4.6.2. Athletes will choose the Club they compete for at point of entry. The athlete may change their designated Club up until the end of the round (i.e. time of last event completion). The change must be completed by the athlete (and not a club representative) via a form that will be available in administration.
- 4.6.3. In the case of the Treloar Shield Final, athletes may compete for either club, but cannot compete for both, even in different age groups. To be eligible for the final, they must have competed in no less than one (1) preliminary round for that club.

4.7. State Relays

- 4.7.1. Athletes may choose to compete for both clubs at the NSW State Relay Championships.
- 4.7.2. While an athlete may compete for more than one club, they are not permitted to compete for two different clubs in the same event.

4.8. Winter Championships (Cross Country, Road Running, Road Walking)

- 4.8.1. Athletes may choose to compete for either club at each round of the Winter Series. By way of example, an athlete may compete for Club A at the NSW Cross Country Relays and Club B at the NSW Short Course Cross Country, but cannot compete for Club A and Club B at the NSW Cross Country Relays.
- 4.8.2. Athletes will choose the club they compete for at point of entry. The athlete may change their designated club up until race start and must comply with other rules

such as uniform requirements. The change must be completed by the athlete and not a club representative via a form that will be available in administration.

Expression of Interest Process

- 5.1 Athletes will choose the club they compete for at point of entry. The athlete may change their designated club up until race start and must comply with other rules such as uniform
- 5.2 If an athlete wishes to be a member of a second club, they are required to submit an online expression of interest
- 5.3 NSW Athletics staff will review the Expression of Interest (EOI) and if approved, update the athlete's membership profile in RevSport and advise the athlete and second club accordingly.

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