

Little Athletics SA

Centre Officials Allocations



How are the number of allocations determined?

The number of Officials allocated to each Centre is based on the number of entries received from that Centre. Centres are responsible for covering all allocations, even if athletes withdraw from the competition.

How long is each allocation?

Field event allocations are for the duration of that specific event, which in most cases will be about an hour. Track allocations are also for one hour, however Centre officials should remain until the scheduled replacement arrives to take over from them. Centre Recorder allocations are for 1½ hours.

Do officials need to be graded?

Volunteers do not have to be graded officials, but we would welcome the assistance of as many graded officials as possible.

Please note that parents should not officiate at their own child's field events to avoid any potential conflicts of interest.

Association Chief Officials will be responsible for overseeing all events.

When should officials check in?

Officials should report to their event 10 minutes before their scheduled starting time.

Role Descriptions

Centre Recorder

The Centre Recorder role assists with the entry of results into the computer Results System. It is preferred that Centre Recorder's fill this role as they are familiar with athletics results and generally have used a Results System before. If the Centre Recorder is not available, Centre Registrars are often a good substitute, otherwise anyone with data entry experience will be able to assist.

The Centre Recorders are located in the Results Room which is in the grandstand and can be accessed via the door next to the toilet entry by the canteen.

Start Marshal

Start Marshalls assist by moving heats of athletes from the marshalling area onto the track. Start Marshalls will work under the direction of the Chief Marshal and Starters.

Finish Marshal

Finish Marshalls assist by escorting athletes from the track to the recording table. For 800m events, Finish Marshalls will give place sticks to athletes as they cross the finish lines. For events with timing gates, Finish Marshalls place the lane tags on the track and ensure that athletes collect the correct tag.

Finish Marshalls will work under the direction of the Track Referee and Chief Timekeeper.

Marshalls

Marshalls work from the Marshalling Tent under the guidance of the Chief Marshalls. Marshalls will assist in getting a group of athletes together for an event, marking their names off the recording sheet and escorting the athletes to their event.

Timekeeper

Timekeepers time each race. Manual timekeepers are a backup for the photo finish and gate timing systems, and are required for verifying State Best Performances.

Timekeepers work under the direction of the Chief Timekeeper.

Umpire

Track Umpires monitor each race in progress to ensure athletes are competing within the rules. Umpires will signal any infraction they see to the Track Referee, who will make any decisions relating to the infraction. The Track Referee will instruct Umpires where to stand and what to look for.

Umpires work under the direction of the Track Referee.

Track Recorder

Track Recorders are located at the finish line of each track. They record the athletes that competed in each event and collate the times from the timekeepers with the results sheet.

Track Recorder's work under the direction of the Chief Timekeeper.

Discus

The Discus officials conduct a discus competition. The Chief Official will allocate the officials to different duties to run the competition. These duties include

- Circle judge to watch that athlete enters and leaves the circle correctly and to measure the throws at the circle
- Sector judge to mark where the discus lands
- Retriever to retrieve discuses, and to assist with judging where the discus lands
- An official to pull the tape through the centre of the circle to assist with measurement
- A recorder to record the results of the event and call up the athletes for their attempts

Discus officials work under the direction of the Chief Throws Official.

Shot Put

The Shot Put officials conduct a shot put competition. The Chief Official will allocate the officials to different duties to run the competition. These duties include

- Circle judge to watch that athlete enters and leaves the circle correctly, watches that the athlete puts the shot correctly, and to measure the throws at the circle
- Sector judge to mark where the shot lands
- Retriever to retrieve shots, and to assist with judging where the shot lands
- An official to pull the tape through the centre of the circle to assist with measurement
- A recorder to record the results of the event and call up the athletes for their attempts

Shot Put officials work under the direction of the Chief Throws Official.

Javelin

The Shot Put officials conduct a javelin competition. The Chief Official will allocate the officials to different duties to run the competition. These duties include

- Judge to watch that athlete enters and leaves the runway correctly, watches that the athlete throws the javelin correctly, and to measure the throws at the arc
- Judge to watch athletes arm from behind
- Sector judge to mark where the javelin lands
- Retrievers to retrieve javelins, and to assist with judging where the javelin lands
- An official to pull the tape through the centre of the runway to assist with measurement
- A recorder to record the results of the event and call up the athletes for their attempts

Javelin officials work under the direction of the Chief Throws Official.

Long Jump/Triple Jump

The Long Jump officials conduct a long or triple jump competition. The Chief Official will allocate the officials to different duties to run the competition. These duties include

- A judge to watch that the athlete takes off from behind the foul line
- A judge to mark where the athlete lands in the pit
- A judge to measure the jump
- Raker to smooth the surface of the sand after each attempt
- A recorder to record the results of the event and call up the athletes for their attempts

Long Jump officials work under the direction of the Chief Jumps Official.

High Jump

The High Jump officials conduct a high jump competition. The Chief Official will allocate the officials to different duties to run the competition. These duties include

- Judges to raise the bar and replace the bar when it falls
- A recorder to record the results of the event and call up the athletes for their attempts

High Jump officials work under the direction of the Chief Jumps Official.