

ATHLETICS SA POLICY - ACCEPTANCE OF A NEW CLUB

1. Subject to Clauses 5 and 6 of the Constitution of Athletics South Australia Inc. a Club applying for membership of the Association must:
 - Apply in writing as per Clause 6.2 of the Constitution of Athletics SA Inc.
 - Must be incorporated or be in the process of incorporation as per Clause 6.1 (a) of the Constitution of Athletics SA Inc.
 - Include in its application the following:
 - The Club Constitution;
 - A copy of its Incorporation Certificate;
 - A statement outlining the Clubs affiliation with any other organisations e.g. South Australian Athletics League, South Australian Road Runners Club, Little Athletics SA;
 - An impact statement covering the possible impact membership of the Club with Athletics SA Inc. would have on any neighbouring athletic clubs or organisations;
 - NOTE: All new club applications under this criteria will be assessed against the potential impact on the catchment area of existing ASA affiliated clubs.
 - A list of its interim or existing Board/Committee of Management;
 - The proposed Club competition uniform;
 - A statement, duly signed by the President/Chairman and Secretary of the Club, that it will, at all times, meet and satisfy the objectives of the Association
 - A financial statement outlining the Club's financial position at the time of the application.
2. While it is accepted that a new club may not meet these requirements initially, they represent the ideal for clubs and should be addressed the application:
 - Location: A new club must consider and detail the impact of the new club on any existing Athletics SA affiliated club(s)
 - Coaching: A new club should have the ability to provide coaching to the range of athlete members and across all events and ability levels.
 - Officials and Volunteers: A new club should be able to provide officials and volunteers to support all competitions
 - Athlete pool: A new club should attract and support athletes of all ages from junior, to open and masters levels, be gender inclusive, actively support para-athletes and athletes of diverse backgrounds.
 - A new club should offer Little Athletics competition or have a formal association with a Little Athletics Centre or Centres in their area
 - A new club should not be based on recruitment of participants from existing Athletics SA clubs, but aim to increase the overall numbers of participating athletes

- Events: A new club should aim to attract athletes across all in stadium and out of stadium event disciplines
 - Venue and Competition: A new club should aim to provide a suitable venue for training and local events.
3. The application shall be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer of Athletics SA Inc. who shall examine the components of the application and if the application is incomplete in any way shall request further details from the applicant. Upon a complete application the application shall be added to the Agenda of the next Board meeting of Athletics SA Inc.
 4. The Board shall consider the application and if the application satisfies the requirements of application shall publish details of the application on its website and invite comment from affiliated clubs and other organisations or persons.

The invitation to comment shall remain on the website for twenty eight (28) days after which feedback and responses shall be forwarded by the Chief Executive Officer to Board members for consideration prior to the next Board meeting.

5. The Board shall, at its next meeting, consider all comments and make a determination as to whether to accept the application for membership or not. The Board may seek additional information before making such a determination.
6. The Board, via the Chief Executive Officer, shall advise the applicant within seven (7) days of its determination and shall publish such determination on its website.
7. If a club does not initially meet all the requirements outlined in the Acceptance of a New Club Policy and/or the Athletics SA constitution, The Board of Athletics SA may invite the applicant to affiliate as a Provisional Member Club. A Provisional Member Club shall be afforded all of the privileges offered to existing clubs, with the exception of voting rights, and upon payment of the annual affiliation fee. Provisional Member Clubs shall be invited to attend all General Meetings of the Association
8. A Provisional Member Club may apply in writing to the Chief Executive Offer to become a full Member Club at any time. Applications will then be considered by the Board of Athletics SA at its next meeting. The Club will then be advised of the outcome or the Board may request additional information before making a decision.

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