

Hobart Districts

Little Athletics Centre Inc.

"Home of the Redbacks"

NEWSLETTER NUMBER TWO – 2007

IMPORTANT CENTRE CHAMPIONSHIPS INFORMATION:

We are rapidly approaching the end of season 2006/2007 and have only four remaining meetings scheduled at John Turnbull Oval plus our annual Handicap and Presentation Day. Three of these meetings are designated as Centre Championships and to allow these events to proceed as smoothly as possible it is important that all parents are aware of the following "rules":

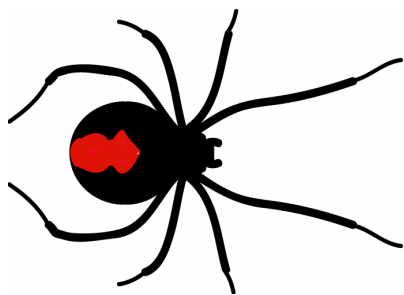
- 1) Centre Championships are open only to Little Athletes registered with Hobart Districts for season 2006/2007.
- 2) To compete a child must be eligible for a 25 badge. This can include events completed at other Centres and regional and all-state competitions.
- 3) Red and white flags will be utilized at all field sites to denote unsuccessful and successful trials. (Age Group Managers are asked to be diligent in this regard).
- 4) The number of parents on each field site will be limited to those with official roles - i.e. a maximum of 5 in total. (Age Group Managers should again monitor).
- 5) There will be heats and finals for all track sprint events with more than 6 registered Little Athletes competing with the fastest 6 progressing through to the final irrespective of heat placings.
- 6) The top 8 Under 13 Little Athletes competing in the shot, discus, javelin, long and triple jump events will be allowed another 3 trials after the completion of the preliminary rounds.
- 7) The top 8 Little Athletes in field and distance events and the final 6 Little Athletes in track events will be awarded a ribbon.
- 8) Ribbons for the Centre Championships Walks, 800 metre and 1500 metre events will be presented on the 14th February 2007 with the eligibility for a 25 badge requirement for these events being based on the number of events the Little Athlete has completed at the commencement of the 14th February meet.

I realize that this may sound a bit complicated but it isn't really and I strongly encourage you to speak to an official, your Age Group Manager or another more – experienced parent if additional information is required. Best of luck for the rest of the season.

Chris Fox
President
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KIOSK UPDATE:

Work continues to progress on our new kiosk and equipment shed which has finally reached lock – up stage. This will allow us to safely store our high jump bags in the new facility which is great news for all the people who have struggled to move them in and out of the adjoining change rooms over the last 15 months. The steel shelving which was referred to in a previous newsletter has also been completed and is awaiting installation. Tasks scheduled for the next few weeks include electrical work and internal lining. We will also be asking for some parental assistance to help clean up the site and complete some earthworks at the side and rear of the shed. This will be followed by internal painting and the fitting out of the kiosk with our partners in this project – the North Hobart Junior Football Club – keen to have this operational before the start of their season. Thank you again to both all parents who have assisted to this point and those who will be called upon to help over the next month or so. Please also remember that if we do not have your contact details and you believe you can make a contribution in some way then you should provide both a name and a contact number to Tony at the Announcers Table. Any work that we are able to have completed by volunteers represents a direct saving to our Centre and thus allows us to target these funds towards other areas of need such as new equipment, new timing gear, an additional long jump pit etc.

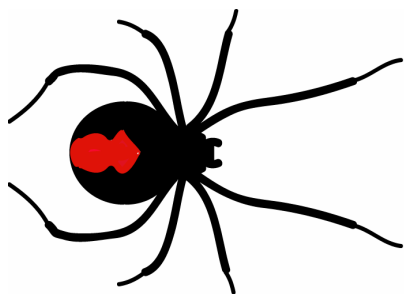
IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

All parents need to be aware of a number of Little Athletics meetings occurring over the next few weeks and linked important dates. These are:

- 1) Saturday 10th February 2007 – Closing date for nominations for State Individuals Championships. Forms available from the Announcing Table or from Leanne Cook. Please also contact the Announcing Table ASAP if your child requires one other qualification time in any event to nominate for these Championships.
- 2) Wednesday 14th February 2007 – First Centre Championships meet and presentation of ribbons for distance events.
- 3) Friday 16th February 2007 – Relay training at the Domain Athletics Centre commencing at 5pm sharp. This training will run for 2 hours with actual scheduling (ie when your group will need to be there) to be determined based on the availability of Age Group Managers/team co-ordinators. Can all these individuals please speak to Andrew Shepherd ASAP to allow this to occur and further details to be given to parents.
- 4) Sunday 18th February 2007 - State Relay Championships at St Leonard's Athletics Centre, Launceston. We have a total of 14 registered teams across all age groups plus a small number competing in composite teams which is a great result. Those participating are required to be at St Leonard's by 8.45 a.m. Please also ensure that your child is wearing full HDLAC uniform with a 25 badge, the correct name and age badge and the TLAA badge attached in the designated place.

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IMPORTANT UNIFORM ANNOUNCEMENT:

At the TLAA All-State meeting which was held at the Domain Athletics Centre on Sunday 4th February 2007 a large number of Hobart Districts Little Athletes were issued with infringement notices by the TLAA for failure to wear correct centre uniform. It is essential to note that the issue of a second infringement notice at either the upcoming State Relay or State Individual Championships will result in an athlete not being allowed to compete. On this basis it is important to restate the recent reminder issued by the TLAA in relation to Centre uniforms, namely:

- 1) All children who compete in TLAA organized regional or state competitions must wear their designated Centre uniform.
- 2) The competition top which forms part of this uniform must have both the correct name and age badge and the TLAA badge attached in the designated place as per the Information Manual.
- 3) All badges must be current – i.e last years badges attached to last years top are not acceptable.
- 4) For the State Relay Championships and State Individual Championships competing athletes must have obtained their 25 badge and have it displayed on their competition top. (Please note that this requirement does not apply to TLAA Regional or All-State meetings).
- 5) If skins are worn they must comply with the colour of the Centre uniform shorts (for Hobart Districts this is black), cannot present manufacturer's logos and must be above knee length.

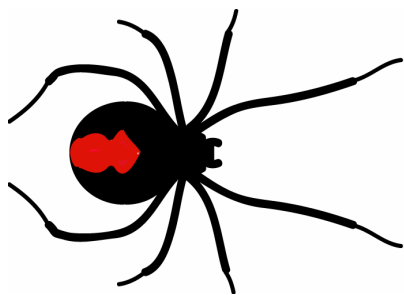
Hobart Districts official uniform is our red top with green sleeves (with all badges attached as per the above) and black shorts. Please comply!!!

ALL – STATE RESULTS:

On Sunday 4th February 2007 a group of over 60 Hobart Districts Little Athletes participated in a TLAA All-State meeting at the Domain Athletic Centre. This event was attended by a total of over 600 Little Athletes from around the state, a number which has not been seen for many years. Our children did very well over the course of what was a very long and demanding day with notable performances from Olivia and Rebecca Direen, Jack Stanwix and Rebecca Wells. It is important to note here that these events can only be entered by children whose parents/guardians are willing to help out on the day and it was disappointing to be informed that this wasn't always the case at this meeting. I am sure that all parents recognize the enormous amount of work involved in running a total of 6 individual jump events during the course of the day in addition to ticket writing, track recording, time-keeping, place –line judging etc and trust that in the future it will be "all hands on deck". Thank you also to the large number of parents who did help out on the day with a special thanks to Leanne Cook

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ANNUAL GOLF DAY:

A reminder to all parents that entry forms for our annual golf day are now available from the Announcers Table. This is an ambrose event and is held at the Newtown Bay (formerly the EZ or Pasminco) Golf Course on Sunday 18th March which is the day after our Handicap Races and Presentation Day. Cost is \$20 per head or \$80 per team of four which includes a barbecue and heaps of prizes. Mixed teams are welcome and no previous golf experience necessary (We don't want you to show the rest of us up!!!). Talk to the other parents in your age group of your family or work colleagues to put together a team for what is always a great day. Alternatively just give us one or two names and we will put you in a team to allow you to finish the season in style.

RAFFLE NEWS:

It has been decided that Hobart Districts will not operate a major raffle this year and will focus instead on improved weekly prizes. Our major sponsor (Zone 3 Laser Games) has been very supportive in this regard and have allowed us to offer a number of all-inclusive parties for eight children at Zone 3 with more to follow during the Centre Championships. This week Paul Woodham has kindly donated 12 bottles of table wine which is another great prize. If there are any parents who may be willing to make a donation in this area please see either Tony at the Announcers Table or Chris Fox

END OF SEASON DINNER:

Our annual end of season parents dinner has been booked for Saturday 3rd March commencing at 8 pm at Tacos Mexican Restaurant, The Silos, Castray Esplanade, Salamanca Place. Please put your name on the notice board if you want to attend what is always a great night. Please note in doing so that this event is for adults only so a baby-sitter may be required.

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