



# Ridgewood LAC Volunteer Officials Local Officials Accreditation and Mentoring Program



## Background:

Ridgewood Little Athletics Centre provides weekly competitions for over 300 athletes between the ages of 5 and 17 from October to March each year. The centre is completely run by volunteers who provide a quality competition and Centre atmosphere every season.

Each week it takes approximately 100 volunteers to run a weekly competition. To provide high standard competitions for all competing athletes, volunteers need to have a basic understanding of the rules and regulations for conducting athletics competitions and events. Volunteers are expected to assist around the competition arena on a regular basis and an increasing number are regularly volunteering their time to ensure the competitions are run smoothly.

## Program Design and Purpose:

Ridgewood LAC provides a Centre based Accreditation and Mentoring Program for local volunteer officials affiliated with Ridgewood LAC. This program is designed to provide support, guidance and education to further upskill volunteer officials from a basic understanding of the rules and regulations for local competitions to working towards a higher level of accreditation which will not only support the centre in providing quality competitions to the local athletes but also increase the number of volunteer officials available to Ridgewood LAC and heading towards State level competitions including the North Metro Zone Championships.

## Eligible Participants:

This program is open to ALL Ridgewood LAC Parent Volunteers, Non Competing Siblings 16 Years and older, Registered Under 16 & Under 17 Athletes, and all Ridgewood LAC Athlete Alumni.

Chief Site Officials and Centre Appointed Officials will be automatically included in the program, unless they hold appropriate Australian Athletics Officiating Accreditations above the level of this program.

## Online Program Requirements:

Volunteer Officials who wish to be appointed by the Centre to specific roles OR to be appointed by their Affiliated Club as a Chief Site Judge for Field Events will be **required** to complete the Athletics Australia Officials Education Scheme Level 1 Course in their identified discipline(s) **prior to the commencement of the competition season**.

Volunteer Officials who wish to be a Field Site Assistant and/or Age Group Chaperone and wish to be included in the program are **required** to complete the Athletics Australia Officials Education Scheme Level 1 Course in their identified discipline(s) **by the conclusion of their participation in this program**.

Courses are available at <https://learning.athletics.com.au/login/index.php>

There are 12 Courses to choose from and each course is approximately 45-90 minutes online. Each course will cover 4 key areas: Rules, Officials and Communication, Equipment, AND Risk Management. Each module will contain multiple choice quizzes and examples.

Courses include Track, Starting, Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump, Pole Vault (Senior Competition specific event), Javelin, Shot Put, Discus, Hammer (Senior Competition specific event), Walks, Out of Stadia.

Completed Course Certificates are to be emailed as attachments to your affiliated club and the Ridgewood LAC Appointed Accreditation Supervisor.

The Ridgewood LAC appointed Accreditation Supervisor for the 2021/22 Season is Matthew Vine.

Email: [championships@ridgewoodlac.org](mailto:championships@ridgewoodlac.org)

Participants are also HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to attend a practical training workshop at your local club presented by Matthew Vine (TOECS Level 1 [World Athletics], AAOES Jump/Throws Level 2) during the Officiating Roadshow. Dates and Locations of the Roadshow will be available on the Ridgewood LAC Website and Facebook Page.





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## Onsite Program Requirements:

The Local Officials Accreditation and Mentoring Program will provide participants with ongoing on-site support and education through Approved Mentors/Accredited Supervisors at Ridgewood LAC competitions.

Participants will be provided with a Ridgewood LAC Competition Practical Competency Card which will enable participants the opportunity to gain feedback from Approved Mentors/Accredited Supervisors on roles completed throughout the day's competition.

Practical Competency Cards will be grouped by discipline (Track, including Starting / Jumps / Throws / Walks)

Participants can be attempting multiple Practical Competency Cards at once if desired.

For each discipline being attempted, Participants will be required to complete at least 5 days of approved Ridgewood LAC athletics meets at Ridgewood Oval or another venue as agreed with the Accreditation Supervisor. With at least 1 day at the North Metro Zone Championships in February (or another event as agreed with the Accreditation Supervisor).

Participants will be required to demonstrate a range of competencies across the 5 days for the identified discipline.

## Approved Mentors/Accredited Supervisors:

The Ridgewood LAC Board will appoint Approved Mentors/Accredited Supervisors for participants to engage with and obtain feedback from.

Participants will need to speak with an Approved Mentor/Accredited Supervisor at the start of the days competition to ensure that the Approved Mentor/Accredited Supervisor are aware that they wish to be observed during that day's competition and then seek feedback at the conclusion of the day's events. Participants who do not speak to an Approved Mentor/Accredited Supervisor prior will not be signed off for that day's competition.

## 2022/23 Approved Mentors/Accredited Supervisors:

The Ridgewood LAC Board have appointed the following individuals as Approved Mentors/Accredited Supervisors for the 2022/23 Season:

Matthew Vine (Track, Jumps, Throws, Walks) [Senior Mentor/Supervisor]

Rachel Williams (Jumps, Throws)

Nigel Vine (Track [Starting])

Tracy Gallagher (Walks)

## Program Completion:

All Participants who successfully complete the Ridgewood LAC Local Officials Accreditation and Mentoring Program will be provided with a Certificate of Program Completion and will be eligible to nominate to officiate at other competitions outside of Ridgewood LAC competitions including Athletics West State Events.

Identified participants may be recommended to Athletics West for appointment to events.

(Note: Successful appointment to Athletics West events is at the sole discretion of Athletics West. This program does not guarantee appointment to any event outside of Ridgewood LAC approved athletics meets.)

