



SOUTHLaunceston Little Athletics Centre

Newsletter

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Welcome to Season 2011/12

After a winter hiatus the 2011/12 athletic season is fast approaching albeit with a slightly delayed start this year. Due to the AFL Grand Final being a week later, SLLAC will be commencing its season on Saturday 8th October at 8am. The full Calendar of Events for the season can be found on the website under the 'Calendar' tab at the top of the home page (<http://www.sllac.org.au/>).

The committee has been working hard under new President Mick Halaby to ensure a smooth transition into the new season. With some new faces on the committee we believe we have the team to run a successful and enjoyable season for all the athletes. However we are as always on the lookout for anyone that might want to lend a hand in some small way so if you would like to get involved please don't be hesitant about coming forward and talking to a committee member.

We look forward to seeing you all there come the 8th October as we commence another season of Family, Fun & Fitness at the South Launceston Little Athletic Centre.

Pre-registration evenings

South Launceston Little Athletic Centre will be conducting two pre season registrations nights at St.Leonards. These days are Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th September from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. Registering prior to the season assists us in getting your name badges, bar codes and books etc. to you sooner. It also aids a smoother run program in those first few weeks. Registrations fees for 2011/12 are as follows:

1 Child	- \$105
2 Children	- \$190
3 Children	- \$255
4 Children	- \$300
5 Children	- \$345
Tiny Tots	- \$30
U14 / 15 Dual Registration	- \$60

Twitter

Yes that's right South Launceston Little Athletics has joined the social media world by opening a Twitter account! The sole reason for this is to be able to get important information to you the parents/guardians in a more efficient manner. For example we can now 'tweet' if a meeting is cancelled due to bad weather, you will receive a text message on your mobile instantaneously. No more hanging on the radio announcers every word! However to make this work we need your support by following SLLAC on Twitter. The steps you need to do is as follows:

- 1) Send a text message (sms) to 0198089488
- 2) The text in the message should be **Follow sllac**

That's it! You will receive a confirmation message back from twitter to say 'you are now following sllac'. There is no risk of getting 'spam' text messages, the only messages you will receive from this point on will be from the centre and they will only entail urgent information or reminders.

Athlete Mentoring Program

We are pleased to announce an exciting new initiative at South Launceston this coming season. This season's U14/15 athletes have been invited to participate in our Athletes Mentoring Athletes Program (AMAP) where they will mentor U6 athletes in our ASAP program, lead warm ups for athletes and participate in specific skill development and mentoring sessions for the U6-U8 athletes.

Officials Courses

Our first officials courses for season 2011/12 will be held on the following dates:

Jumps & Throws - Thursday 20th October

Walks Judge Course – Saturday 5th November

Track - Thursday 17th November

These courses will be held in the Gillow Room at the South Launceston Football Club from 7:30pm. If you are interested please come and see Brett Gillow. The more officials we have the more efficient our programs can run and it is a great way to be involved in your child's sport. There will be more dates scheduled later in the season.

Coaching Course

We are endeavouring to get a coaching course happening early in the season, however in order to arrange a date for venues and speakers etc. we are asking for an expression of interest from any parents or guardians that may wish to do such a course. If you are interested, please contact Brett Gillow on gillow@intas.net.au or 0437 707 770.

TLAA Volunteer of the Year Award



Karen receiving her award from TLA President Rhonda O'Sign.

The inaugural winner of the TLAA Volunteer of the Year, Karen Watson was presented with her award by TLAA President Rhonda O'Sign at a special function at This Cafe on the 2nd September 2011. The Volunteer of the Year award is presented in recognition of excellence in voluntary service and is intended to enhance public awareness and appreciation of the quality and depth of volunteering for Little Athletics in Tasmania. The award recognises that the award recipient will be an ambassador for all volunteers.

Karen has been involved in Little Athletics for many years as a parent, coach and official and put in many hours of voluntary service to our sport. South Launceston is pleased that Karen is one of our members and is grateful for the work she has put in over the years.

For constant up to date information we encourage everybody to check the website <http://www.sllac.org.au>