

Jimboomba Athletics Centre



NEWSLETTER



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Dates To Remember

11th October

Aspley Pentathlon

18th October

Algerster Carnival

Regional Relays 8/11/09

Nominations Close

23/10/09

1st November QLAA

Senior carnival

Senior Dates

This evening we welcome Cr Hajnal Ban from Logan City Council who has come along to officially start our competition season for 2009/10, our first season under lights. Cr Ban and Logan City Council contributed \$15,000 towards our lighting project which was completed by a small band of dedicated parents and friends of our centre led by Scott Sinclair.

Cr Ban and Logan City Council are also contributing \$4,400 towards the cost of our two new sandpits and four discus and shot put circles. Please make Cr Ban feel welcome.

Last week we signed up our 200th member. Last year we had 153 registered members which shows that switching to Friday evening competitions to avoid the heat has been a good move and has encouraged more children and families to become involved in the wonderful sport of athletics. It is great to see so many children and parents out together enjoying themselves. Feedback has been incredibly positive.

Jimboomba Blue Light Disco – helpers required

We are committed to providing 4-6 helpers for next Friday's Blue Light Disco. All we do is look after the "bag room" (where children check in their bags for safe-keeping during the night) so it is a pretty easy job. Helping out at the disco is counted as a family levy credit. Please see Gavin Clarke if you can help

Centre Competition – Week 1

Tonight is the first evening of competition proper for this season. From this evening, centre best performances will be recognised so extra care needs to be taken with the timing and measuring of performances.

From this evening, athletes earn points for every event they compete in. If athletes choose not to compete in an event (eg a 1500m) they need to be aware that they will receive NO POINTS for that event towards age championships.

A reminder that at the end of the season, presentations will be made to first, second, third and runners up in each age group. Athletes need to have competed in at least 60% of available events throughout our competition period to be eligible for any centre award or trophy. Full details are contained in our centre Year Book under the section on Centre Awards.



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Giving results to Age Marshalls

Apparently some athletes are running off to visit parents after races and not giving their Age Marshall their times. If this happens, we have no times to enter into the computer and athletes don't receive any points for those events. Parents, can you please encourage your children to stay with their Age Marshall and their group for the duration of the evening. Some Age Marshalls are new to their positions and it makes it very difficult for them if children leave without telling them where they are going.

Only athletes and officials to be inside the track

Please be advised that from tonight onwards, only competing athletes and officials who have signed in are permitted on the inside of the track. Some of the age groups are quite large and require an Age Marshall plus 4-5 helpers, please don't hesitate to put your name down to help if you want to remain with your child inside the track.

High Jump

QLA (Queensland Little Athletics) is very specific that only athletes aged U12 and up are permitted to high jump using the Fosbury flop technique – and that must be done on the thick high jump mats. Athletes aged U8, U9, U10 and U11 may ONLY high jump using the scissors technique. To attempt a Fosbury flop jump onto the thin scissors high jump mats is dangerous and any athlete attempting this will be asked to sit out the event.

Uniforms

Most athletes should now be competing in full uniform with registration numbers and age patches. The only exceptions should be a few children who are still trialing and those whose uniform order has not been fulfilled in time. We apologise for the uniform delay which should, hopefully, be sorted out in the next week or so.

Committee meetings

Next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st October at the Henderson Road grounds starting at 7.30pm.

All are welcome.

Coaching:

Wednesday
4.30pm to 5.30pm



A number of carnivals are coming up. Check the notice board for details.

Aspley Pentathlon – Sunday 11th October

Athletes compete in a set 5 events (hurdles, sprint, jump, throw, long distance) and receive points for their performance in each event.

Algester Carnival – Sunday 18th October

This carnival is coming up. Check the notice board and get your nomination in if you would like to compete.

QLAA Senior Carnival/Junior pentathlon – Sunday 1st November

Provides athletes with the opportunity to compete at QSAC (Nathan) on a tartan track against athletes from all over SE Queensland.

Regional Relays, Mansfield State High - Sunday 8th November

There will be no Friday evening competition on the weekend of this event (Friday 6th) as we would like as many athletes to compete as possible. It is a teams event where relay teams from Jimboomba compete against teams from the other centres in our region (Browns Plains, Beenleigh, Sunnybank, Algester, Springwood etc) with the first three teams in the U9 and up age groups having the opportunity to compete at the state relay championships. It's our chance to show what a great centre Jimboomba is. Go Jimboomba!!

To encourage as many athletes to participate as possible we will pay the entry fee for competing athletes and we will try to organise a free sausage sizzle on the day. Please clear your calendar for this event!

If anyone would like to help co-ordinate the teams, please speak to a member of the committee.

50/50 Club

Corinne Parry (No 67) was the winner of last week's 50/50 Club draw

STOP PRESS – Jimboomba Park Master Plan

The Jimboomba Park Master Plan Option 2 (Incorporating Glenlogan Park South) seeks to relocate the Jimboomba Pony Club onto our side paddock by the dam – our main area for throwing the javelin (and hammer for seniors). If we allow this to go ahead, we will lose that throwing area, cross country running tracks and overflow parking. Plus we will have no room for expansion EVER.

As you will have read in the paper, the Pony Club does not want to come out here anyway. They are being quite vocal about it as the parcel of land they will get is too small for their use.

Please fill in a feedback form, or go to the council website www.logan.qld.gov.au and let council know that Jimboomba Little Athletics needs its land both now and for future growth.