



Brighton Little Athletics Club
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Re: Little Athletics proposed changes to age groups

Hi parents,

I'm writing with reference to the communications that Little Athletics Victoria (LAV) has been sending to you about the proposed age group changes. A quick summary of the changes:

- That the current date for the determination of age groups shifts from 30th September to 31st December

The above change is proposed to come into effect from the 2018/19 season. The change to the age group determination date would mean any athlete born between 1 October and 31 December will advance two age groups from the age group they were in for the 2017/18 season.

There are a number of reasons for this change, not the least of which is it moves LAV in line with schools, other junior sports and the wider athletics communities.

In order to adopt this change, LAV is required to make a change to its Constitution at its Annual General Meeting (AGM). Following on from this, at the 2017 AGM, the motion to change the age groups was put to voting Centres. Ultimately, while a majority of the Centres supported the motion, it was defeated on the basis that it failed to attract the required 75% of the vote. A Special General Meeting has been convened on 16 December to again put the vote to the member clubs of LAV.

The purpose of this letter is to confirm that Brighton Little Athletics – your club – voted yes in the original AGM and will again vote yes on 16 December. It is critical that this change is adopted to ensure LAV can remain affiliated with Little Athletics Australia. The consequence of not affiliating is that LAV will not be able to use the name "Little Athletics" – and Brighton risks losing our almost 50 years of heritage.

Your committee feel very strongly that, whilst this change impacts approx. 25% of our member base, it is a one-off change that is required to provide a base for future growth in the sport. It is also important to note that many mitigation steps are in place - please see [here](#) for FAQs.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss the above further if any member has any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark Barling - President
Brighton Little Athletics Club