



CLUB UNIFORM POLICY

In order to promote a consistent and high standard of dress and attire for athletes, the Belmont Centre sets out uniform guidelines which will be followed by all Clubs.

Purpose

To clearly establish the guidelines for all Clubs affiliated with the Belmont Little Athletics Centre in regards to Club uniforms.

Extent of Policy

This policy applies to athlete uniforms used for Belmont Little Athletics Centre weekly intra-club competition. Club Uniforms for Centre competition include athlete shorts and shirts/singlets only. Although footwear is not considered to be part of the Club uniform and therefore within the scope of this policy, Centre rules governing the mandatory wearing of enclosed footwear and the use of spike shoes must be adhered to at all times.

While head wear is not covered by this policy, Clubs should make all reasonable efforts to ensure that they offer a sun smart alternative to caps, that the head wear is predominately in the Club's colours and that no manufacturer and/or sponsor logos exceed 7cm x 5cm in size or are visible from the front.

The Centre uniform design and colours are approved by Athletics West and are therefore not the subject of this policy.

Guidelines

Shorts

1. Shorts must conform to the approved uniform short colour and finish above the knee. As a general rule, shorts for walking events should finish at least 5cm above the knee.
2. No contrasting stitching, piping, inserts or stripes are allowed.
3. Athletes may wear leggings of any length except in walking events. If worn they shall be the same colour as approved uniform short colour, and shall conform to point 5 below.
4. Athletes may wear a second pair of shorts (eg compression shorts) underneath their approved uniform shorts. If worn, they must be the same colour as the approved uniform shorts colour.
5. Manufacturer and/or sponsor logos must not be larger than 7cm x 5cm.
6. "Blacking Out" logos or contrasting stitching is permitted provided the athlete submits their uniform prior to the competition day for scrutiny and approval by the Centre Executive Committee.

Shirts/Singlets

1. Styling should be sun smart wherever practicable.
2. Shirts/Singlets should be suitable for either gender to wear and be long enough to ensure the midriff is not exposed.
3. Athletes may wear a second top underneath their approved uniform top. If worn, the top must be plain and the same colour as the predominant colour of the approved uniform top, or white, and it must conform to point 5 below.

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4. Club logos and/or name should still be clearly visible when registration numbers are affixed to shirts.
5. Manufacturer and/or sponsor logos must not be larger than 7cm x 5cm.

Change of Uniform

When a Club seeks to **significantly** amend or change any part of its uniform style or colour it must submit a request in writing to the Centre Executive Committee at least 14 days prior to the advertised date of the meeting at which the request is to be tabled. The submitted request should include samples or pictures of the final product to aid the Centre Executive Committee in making its decision.

The Centre Executive will notify the Club in writing of the approval or denial of the request within 7 days of the meeting at which that decision was reached. Should a decision not be reached at the meeting at which the amendment/change was tabled, the Club will be notified of the reason within 7 days of that meeting.

If the request was denied the Club may re-submit a new request at least 14 days prior to the next advertised meeting provided that all issues and concerns detailed by the Centre Executive Committee have been addressed prior to the re-submission.

If the request for a change or amendment is approved, then the Club may implement them immediately upon receiving written confirmation from the Centre Executive. The Club will have two seasons from the date that the approval is given to fully implement the new uniform within the Club.

All expenses associated with a change of Club uniform are to be borne by the Club. The Centre accepts no responsibility in relation to any fees or costs which may be associated with the change or amendment of Club uniforms. For this reason Clubs should ensure that Centre approval is granted prior to entering into any contracts or negotiations with suppliers or manufacturers.

Change/Amendment Restrictions

The Centre Executive Committee may deny a change or amendment of Club uniform for, but not limited to, any of the following reasons;

- The uniform is too similar to another affiliated Club's uniform.
- The uniform has manufacturer logos, sponsor logos or advertising greater than 7cm x 5cm.
- The uniform style does not keep with the spirit of Little Athletics (E.g. exposed midriffs).
- The uniform is of a one piece or unitard design.

Exclusions

The Belmont Little Athletics Centre acknowledges that there may be some scenarios or situations not covered directly by this policy. In such circumstances the Centre Executive Committee shall have the power to deal with each proposal on a case by case basis.

Additionally the Centre Executive Committee may grant exclusions to Clubs under exceptional circumstances. The period of time for the exclusion will be agreed to by a majority vote of the Centre Executive Committee following receipt of evidence of the exceptional circumstances experienced by the Club.

Record of Club Uniform

The Belmont Little Athletics Centre shall keep such records that detail and document each Club's uniform to ensure consistency from one season to the next and to allow simple comparison of previous and current uniforms. Clubs are charged with ensuring that their uniform is consistent with the approved design and colour each season.