

# AVSL RULES 2020/21



## 1. INTRODUCTION

Athletics Victoria Shield League (AVSL) is a state wide inter-club track and field competition, focused on getting involved and having fun. The format is a club-based competition offering a variety of track & field events throughout the summer.

This year will see some new concepts implemented to assist with the operation and process of the competition. For more information visit [www.athsvic.org.au](http://www.athsvic.org.au)

**PLEASE NOTE ALL RULES WILL BE REVIEWED PERIODICALLY AS WE RETURN TO COVID NORMAL. ANY CHANGES IN AVSL RULES WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO MEMBERS VIA EMAIL AND PUBLISHED ON THE AV WEBSITE.**

Please Note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all events and dates are subject to change.

## 2. GOVERNING RULES

### 2.1 WORLD ATHLETICS RULES

AVSL competition shall be conducted in accordance with World Athletics rules. The only exceptions and qualifications to the World Athletics rules are those stipulated within the 2020/21 Summer Competition Handbook.

### 2.2 AVSL SANCTIONED EVENT RULES

The 2020/21 season will have ten (10) preliminary rounds of track and field competition, and the AVSL Playoffs scheduled for March 2021. All rounds (when applicable) will be AA sanctioned allowing for National Qualification. There may be situations during the season where events cannot meet sanctioning status due to resources. If attempting a Victorian State Record please make officials aware at the start of your session to ensure required officials can be at your event site.

### 2.3 VENUE SHARING

Venue selection will be decided by Athletics Victoria to ensure venues can facilitate all events and meet the necessary COVIDSafe requirements outlined by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

### 2.4 RULE DISPUTES

In the case of any disputes regarding AVSL competition rules, the AVSL Competition Committee and Athletics Victoria Sport Delivery Team will be engaged to resolve them

### 2.5 RULE AMENDMENTS

Athletics Victoria reserves the right to amend rules throughout the duration of the 2020/21 AVSL season.

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## 3. REGISTRATION

### 3.1 COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY

To compete and score points at a given round of AVSL, an athlete's registration must have been submitted with Athletics Victoria and approved by the Club Registrar no later than the set closing dates prior to competition.

Please see allocated closing dates at [www.athsvic.org.au](http://www.athsvic.org.au). If an athlete requires a Club Transfer, they will be able to complete this at any point in the season, but athletes are only permitted one (1) transfer between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

### 3.2 MISREPRESENTED IDENTITY

An athlete who misrepresents themselves as another athlete, in the course of competition, will be disqualified. The competition manager will investigate any misrepresentation and may impose a penalty on any club where it was determined that the club was aware of any misrepresentation. Details of such transgressions will also be referred to the CEO of Athletics Victoria for further consideration. Where an athlete misrepresents themselves as another athlete and such transgressions are determined or notified to Athletics Victoria outside of the course of competition, Athletics Victoria may retrospectively disqualify that athlete and where appropriate impose a points penalty for any club that was aware, or reasonably should have been aware, of any misrepresentation.

### 3.3 ENTRY FEES

#### 3.3.1 AVSL Package

Current members can purchase a 2020/21 AVSL Package that will include entry into all preliminary rounds of AVSL during the 2020/21 season. **Athletes can only enter an event discipline once per AVSL round.**

For the 2020/21 season the AVSL Playoffs is NOT included in the AVSL Package. Members must purchase the AVSL Playoffs round for \$15.00 per member.

To compete at AVSL Playoffs, athletes must have a ranking in that event (or similar) as well as having competed in three (3) preliminary rounds of AVSL. If due to AVSL event's being abandoned, less than 10 rounds of AVSL are completed, athletes will only need to have competed in 1/3 of the completed preliminary rounds (rounded down). *Example – If 8 rounds are completed, athletes only need to compete in 2 rounds.*

#### 3.3.2 Individual Round Entry

If current members do not wish to purchase an AVSL Package, members can instead purchase an individual round entry for the preliminary rounds of AVSL. Members who purchase individual rounds of AVSL must still complete a minimum of three (3) rounds in order to be eligible for the AVSL Playoffs (please see rule 7.2).

**Athletes can only enter an event discipline once per AVSL round.**

Individual Round Entries **MUST be purchased prior to the entries closing** for the round the member is looking to attend. Members who have purchased an individual round entry will be eligible to score points for their club at the AVSL round entered.

#### 3.3.3 'Trial Entry'

Non-Members can complete a maximum of one (1) 'Individual Round Entries' as a trial athlete throughout the 2020/21 AVSL season. 'Trial Entries' are those that are not a member of Athletics Victoria currently or have been in the past.

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Individuals, who are not a current member and have not been a member in the past, are to submit an online form to confirm their eligibility to be a Trial Entry.

For the 2020/21 season trialling entry requests must be submitted to Athletics Victoria before each rounds' closing date (see rule 3.4.3 for entry process). Trial entries will only be accepted if there are positions available after the registered Athletics Victoria members entry period has concluded.

## **NO ON THE DAY TRIAL ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED**

### **3.3.4 'School Student Entries'**

For season 2020/21 school students who are Non-Members can compete as a trial athlete throughout the AVSL season. 'School Student Entries' are only for those individuals who are not a current member of Athletics Victoria and have not been a member in the past.

Student athletes, who wish to enter as a 'School Student Entry', are to submit an online form to confirm their eligibility to be a School Student Entry.

Once approved 'School Student Entries' must purchase an individual round entry for any rounds that they wish to compete in. These entries will only be available if positions are empty following the exclusive Athletics Victoria member entry period has concluded.

These 'School Student Entries' WILL NOT be eligible to score points for a club and will not contribute to their eligibility to compete at the AVSL Playoffs (please see rule 7.2). No 'School Student Entries' will be available for the AVSL Playoffs. No 'School Student Entries' will be available for Victorian State Championships.

## **NO ON THE DAY ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED**

### **3.4 EVENT ENTRY PROCESSES**

#### **3.4.1 Event Entry**

Event entry is available to those who purchase an AVSL Package or Individual Round Entry. Event entry is available via the Members Portal up until the set closing date and time prior to competition.

#### **3.4.2 On the Day Event Entry**

There will be NO on the day entries for AVSL. This will be reviewed throughout the season and any change to this rule will be communicated to all current members.

#### **3.4.3 'Trial Entry' & 'School Student Entry'**

Non-Members, who are not a current member and have not been a member in the past, are to submit an online form to confirm their eligibility to be a Trial Entry or School Student Entry.

Non-Eligible individuals will be made aware that they must purchase a membership with Athletics Victoria to participate as they have previously been a member of Athletics Victoria.

Eligible School Student Entry individuals will be registered as a School Athlete and will have access to enter an AVSL round, two (2) days prior to entries closing, via the AV portal. Athletes will need to purchase an individual round entry at any round they wish to participate in.

Trial entries will be emailed an event entry link after AV Membership and School Student entries have closed. Trialling athletes will have 24 hours to enter, after this time all entries will be closed and processed. Limited positions will be available based on AV Member and School Student Entries.

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## 4. COMPETITION

### 4.1 TIMETABLE

Timetables may change throughout the AVSL season and it is strongly advised that all athletes check the Athletics Victoria website ([www.athsvic.org.au](http://www.athsvic.org.au)) prior to each round.

A maximum allocation of athletes per **event** will be allowed through the AVSL entry system.

### 4.2 UNIFORM

#### 4.2.1 AVSL Uniform Requirements

Athletes must compete in their current and approved club uniform. Athletes should have their supplied 2020/21 Athletics Victoria Bib numbers firmly affixed to the back and front of their competition singlet or top. Athletes are only required to affix one bib number to either their front or back for vertical or horizontal jump events.

In line with World Athletics Technical Rules – Rule 5 (IAAF Rule 143), the bib number and any of Athletics Victoria's sponsors must always be clearly visible. No bib number other than the official Athletics Victoria 2020/21 bib number or Athletics Victoria supplied substitution Numbers, shall be permitted. Athletes under the age of 15 may wear their Little Athletics Victoria (LA Vic) uniforms at AVSL. These athletes must, however, wear their supplied 2020/21 Athletics Victoria bib numbers.

Athletes may compete in tights, leggings or tracksuit pants which reflect their approved club uniform. Walk competitors must ensure their knees are always visible during competition. The competition manager has the authority to disqualify any athlete from further competition, if the athlete concerned does not comply with Athletics Victoria uniform regulations.

#### 4.2.2 Trial Athletes – School Students

For 2020/21 school students who are a non-member of Athletics Victoria will be able to wear their school singlet when competing as a trialling entrant (see rule 3.3) School Students will still need to wear supplied 2020/21 Athletics Victoria Bib numbers.

### 4.3 GRADED COMPETITION

Athletes will compete sections, regardless of age group, division or gender (where applicable). Para-Athletes shall compete within the competition where possible.

### 4.4 EVENT SPECIFICATIONS

Athletes will compete using the event specifications relevant to their championship age group as of the 2020 season (as noted below). Athletes who wish to progress to a higher specification in hurdles, steeplechase and throws must contact Athletics Victoria no later than the set closing date prior to competition round with their change of specification.

Please see allocated closing dates at [www.athsvic.org.au](http://www.athsvic.org.au).

- Open** 20 years of age or over on the 31st Dec 2020
- U20** 18 and 19 years of age on the 31st Dec 2020
- U18** 16 and 17 years of age on the 31st Dec 2020
- U16** 14 and 15 years of age on the 31st Dec 2020
- U14** 13 years of age and under on the 31st Dec 2020
- 40+** 40 to 49 years of age on the 31st of Dec 2020
- 50+** 50 to 59 years of age on the 31st of Dec 2020
- 60+** 60 years of age on the 31st of Dec 2020

**Note:** For ALL Athletics Victoria Summer Championships athletes will compete in their age group as of 31 December 2021 as all championships will be held in the 2021 calendar year unless otherwise advised.

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## 4.5 PERSONAL IMPLEMENTS

Athletes may use their own implements for field events, during the COVIDSafe period these will not be required to be made available to all other athletes in the event. Such equipment should have a Weights and Measurements' Certificate completed in season 2020/21. **Note:** In the case of pole vault events, no competitor shall be allowed to use any other competitor's vaulting pole, except with the consent of the owner.

## 4.6 COMPETENCY / AGE RESTRICTIONS

In order to compete in the hurdles, steeplechase, pole vault and/or hammer throw, an athlete must be at least 12 years of age as at December 31 2020, **and** must demonstrate a sufficient level of competency in the event that they have nominated to compete in. This decision is to be made in conjunction the event site officials and competition director. The competition director is then to make the final decision and make the athlete aware of the outcome.

## 4.7 EVENT DISCIPLINE ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

An athlete may only compete once in a given track and field discipline, at a given round of AVSL regardless of whether they are competing for points or by invitation. Athletes cannot compete in multiple age groups of the same track and field discipline, at the same round of AVSL (eg. 100m Hurdles and 110m Hurdles). Athletes cannot enter more than one (1) timed session in total during the same AVSL round.

## 4.8 CHECK-IN

All patrons entering the venue must complete a COVID check-in at the entrance gate and complete the online mandatory registration.

Event Registration Check-In is not required for AVSL. Athletes will not need to check-in for events on the day as in previous seasons. Athletes will only need to advise the field event officials at the event site if they are scratching from a field event.

Track events will be pre-seeded and if an athlete does not appear for their relevant heat, the event will operate with a blank lane. If athletes miss their time slot, the athlete will be allowed to compete in a later heat if there is availability but will not score points.

## 4.9 WITHDRAWAL/SCRATCHING

Athletes must pre enter online for events before the closing date of each round.

Track sheets will be pre-seeded therefore if an athlete wishes to scratch from a track event, the event will operate with a blank lane. Track athletes should be at their event site no later than 10 minutes before the event start time.

Field athletes must report into the event site no later than 10 minutes before the event start time to allow those on the wait list the opportunity to compete. Athletes who are not at the event site prior to the commencement of the event will be scratched.

Athletes must pre-register online for the field event waitlists before the closing date of each round. If an athlete is scratching from a field event, they **MUST** notify the officials at the event site to allow those on the waiting list the opportunity to fill the vacant spot.

Athletes on the wait list should report into the event site 10 minutes before the start of the event to confirm their place in the event. Athletes who have not pre-registered will not be eligible to compete.

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## 4.9 TRACK EVENTS

### 4.9.1 Heats

All registered track and field athletes wishing to compete should pre-enter via their membership portal on the Athletics Victoria website [www.athsvic.org.au](http://www.athsvic.org.au). Athletes must submit their individual entry before the published closing date to compete.

Track Heats through the 2020/21 season may vary dependant on COVID Safe protocols and requirements.

The starters marshal must run the pre-seeded athletes in the order of the seeded start list. If an athlete does not show for his/her event, then the event will run with a blank lane. There will be no promotion from later heats.

### 4.9.2 40+ and Para Start Rules

40+ and Para athletes are not required to use starting blocks and do not need to start from a crouched position or have both hands in contact with the track.

### 4.9.3 False Start

If an athlete breaks, then the athlete is allowed to compete by invitation, in a later heat. The Starter's Marshal needs to notify the scorers that this athlete cannot score points and is now competing as an invite athlete.

### 4.9.4 Practice Starts

If time permits, athletes will be allowed one practice start, utilising starting blocks, for all laned track events.

### 4.9.5 Hurdles

Hurdle events will be run by hurdle height and may be gender mixed.

### 4.9.6 Relays

To contest a relay at AVSL, athletes must be registered for the 2020/21 season to score points.

Clubs must nominate the number of their relay teams 60 minutes prior to the event to the Administration team. No late entries will be accepted.

Relay teams will be run in gender unless other noted on the timetable. If a relay event is noted as mixed, the team must contain 50% female and 50% male. Relay team scores will be age adjusted based on athlete oldest athlete if it is a junior team, or youngest athlete if it is a master's team. If a relay team contains both masters and junior athletes, the team will be noted as an open team.

Team sheets (with athletes' bib number and name) must be submitted before the completion of the day's competition. If a team sheet is not submitted on time, then that team will be given invite status.

### 4.9.7 Lane Draw

From Round 5 onwards, lane order and allocation will now be carried out via a pre seeded start list by Athletics Victoria. The Starter's Marshal will make sure that athletes are put in lanes based on the pre seeded start sheet and communicate with Photo Finish before the race starts.

### 4.9.8 2000/3000/5000 Metre Track Events

In all 2000/3000/5000 metre track events, Athletics Victoria clubs must provide a lap scorer for each competing athlete that starts the race. Failure to do so will result in the disqualification of the athlete.

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## 4.10 FIELD EVENTS

### 4.10.1 Maximum Athletes Per Event Site

A maximum allocation of athletes per timetabled field event session will be allowed through the AVSL pre-entry system. The maximum number of athletes per event site will be defined in line with COVIDSafe protocols.

### 4.10.2 Field Attempts & Warm Up

To ensure all athletes have an opportunity to participate, World Athletics rest periods may not be followed due to current COVID restrictions and capacities permitted.

In some instances, athletes may not have an opportunity to have a practice/warm up attempt, this opportunity will be provided on an event by event basis. This process will be reviewed throughout the season, any changes will be communicated to members via email and published on the AV website.

Please review the AVSL Event Guide available on the AV website for most up to date event requirements

### 4.10.3 High Jump

The progressions in the high jump shall be 5 centimetres. Athletes must nominate their minimum starting height when signing in for their event. The starting heights for high jump are featured in the event timetables. In high jump competitions each athlete will have a maximum of eight (8) attempts unless eliminated with three (3) consecutive fouled attempts. Even with a successful clearance, athletes cannot progress past the height limit set by the timetabled event.

### 4.10.4 Pole Vault

In pole vault competitions, jumpers will be permitted to jump until they are eliminated by posting three (3) consecutive fouled attempts. The starting heights for pole vault are featured in the event timetables and will progress in 15cm increments. Athletes must nominate their minimum starting height when signing in for this event.

Pole Vaulters competing within the Metro Region, must compete within their club allocation. Red/Yellow zoned athletes must compete at the Red/Yellow Zone venue, and Blue/White zoned athletes must compete at the Blue/White zone venue.

### 4.10.5 Throws Event Pegging

In discus, javelin and hammer, all attempts will be pegged and only an athlete's longest throw will be measured and recorded.

## 4.11 Records & Qualifiers

If an athlete is looking to achieve a record or qualifier, Athletics Victoria and Venue Officials must be notified in advance. A minimum of three (3) athletes must compete in that competition. If a record is achieved, then athletes will be asked to leave the implement used in order to be ratified. In field events, all records must be steel taped to be ratified.

## 4.12 Extra Attempts

In the horizontal jump and throw events the Competition Manager will have the discretion to allow a maximum of three (3) extra attempts to the top three (3) male and female athletes during 'Controlled' sheets if time permits. Extra attempts will be recorded and ratified for qualification and record purposes but will not be eligible for shield points. Shield points will be awarded from the first three (3) original attempts.

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## **4.13 COVIDSafe policies**

All attendees must abide by all of Athletics Victoria COVIDSafe policies and guidelines while attending AVSL competition. Individuals not abiding by these policies and guidelines may be warned, disqualified or asked to leave the venue. Athletics Victoria's policies and guidelines may change throughout the season, and it is the responsibility of all attendees to be aware of the most up to date policies and guidelines

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## 5. ATHLETICS VICTORIA SHIELD LEAGUE (AVSL)

### 5.1 DIVISION TABLES

Clubs will be allocated to the following divisions for season 2020/21:

Premier Division	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4	Division 5
Box Hill	Ballarat Harriers	Ballarat YCW	Bendigo Uni	Deakin
Diamond Valley	Chilwell	Bellarine	Brunswick	Maccabi
Doncaster	Collingwood	Bendigo Harriers	Coburg	Old Melburnians
Essendon	Eaglehawk	Casey Cardinia	Corio	Old Xaverians
Geelong Guild	Eureka	Frankston	Dandenong-Springvale	Richmond
Glenhuntly	Keilor St Bernards	Knox	Ivanhoe	South Coast
Mornington	Mentone	Melbourne Uni	Old Scotch	South Melbourne
Nunawading	Ringwood	Preston	St Kevins	St Stephen
South Bendigo	Sandringham	Wendouree	Vic Masters	Whittlesea
Western Athletics	Yarra Ranges	Wyndham	Waverley-Malvern	Williamstown

### 5.2 PREMIER LEAGUE

In the Premier Division, clubs that finish first (1st), second (2nd) and third (3rd) at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds will virtually compete against each other in the AVSL Playoffs. The club that has the highest club score in the AVSL Playoffs will be awarded the Divisions Premiership Shield.

### 5.3 DIVISIONS 2, 3, 4 and 5

In Division 2, 3, 4 and 5 clubs that finish first (1st) and second (2nd) at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds will virtually compete against each other in the AVSL Playoffs.

### 5.4 PROMOTION/RELEGATION

Clubs that finish first (1st) and second (2nd) at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds in Division 2, Division 3, Division 4 and Division 5 will automatically be promoted to the higher division.

Clubs that finish in positions ninth (9th) and tenth (10th) at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds in Premier Division, Division 2, Division 3 and Division 4 will automatically be relegated to the lower division. Clubs that finish in positions third (3rd) in a lower division will play off against eighth (8th) in a higher division. The club that has the highest club score will be allocated to the higher division.

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## 6. AVSL SCORING

### 6.1 DEFINITIONS

**Recorded Performance** The best performance of recorded attempts, excluding did not start (**DNS**).

**Scoring Performance**, The best performance of recorded attempt after being adjusted if required as stated in rule 5.2.

**Valid Result** Any athlete who genuinely competes in an event, including disqualification (**DQ**), no measure (**NM**), or did not finish (**DNF**), is still deemed to have competed.

**Club Score** Is the total number points assigned to a club after any relevant adjustments have been applied.

### 6.2 POINTS SCORING

For each event and specification, the Shield Scoring table specifies performance values associated with point scores of 100, 200, 300, 400, 500 and 600 – these are known as key marker performances and key marker points. There are separate scoring tables for the men and women.

Points are calculated and awarded thus:

- i. An actual performance will be adjusted in the following situations and order:
  1. Para-athletes, 40+ athletes, junior athletes in competition will have their performance adjusted as per the published adjustment tables.
  2. Any manual timed track event will have an adjustment factor added (0.14 seconds for events starting at the Finish line, and 0.24 seconds for all other events)
- ii. The resultant adjustment by either or both of the above, will become the athlete's scoring performance.
- iii. Any performance not covered by the above, the actual performance is the scoring performance.
- iv. If a scoring performance equals any of the key marker performances, then the associated key marker points value is assigned as the points scored.
- v. If a scoring performance lies between two key marker performances, then points awarded shall be a linear pro-rata assignment between the higher and lower key marker points.
- vi. If a scoring performance is below the 100-point key marker performance, no points shall be awarded. All point scores are rounded down to the nearest whole number (i.e. no fractions), hence similar performances may be awarded the same points score.
- vii. If the performance of an athlete in a track event is not recorded by a designated official, and after due process the record of performance cannot be reconstructed, the athlete has the option of a re-run or accept a default score of 100pts. In all situations, the performance shall count for eligibility.

### 6.3 SIMILAR EVENTS AND SCORING

Athletes competing might do so with differing specifications. For this purpose, if/when following events are held, they will be grouped for scoring:

- i. Sprint Hurdles (includes 80m, 90m, 100m and 110m)
- ii. Distance Hurdles (includes 200m, 300m and 400m)
- iii. Steeple Chase (includes 2000m and 3000m)
- iv. Walks (includes 1500m, 2000m, 3000m and 5000m)

### 6.4 ATHLETE SCORING LIMITS

Athletes will have their points score for each event, or similar event, ranked in order from best to lowest. The best three (3) individual event scores for each athlete from each individual club will be accrued. Athletes can also participate in one (1) relay each round that will contribute to the total club score.

### 6.6 PENALTY UNIT

10% of the club score from the round of shield. (See Rule 7.3 & 9.2)

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## 6.7 LADDER POINTS

After each round of Shield, ladder points shall be awarded in each division. Ladder points are only awarded to clubs that score club points:

1st = 10 points, 2nd = 9 points, etc. to 10th = 1 point.

If clubs finish on the same club points at the conclusion of a round, ladder points will be combined and split evenly between the two clubs.

## 6.8 POWER PLAY

Clubs will have the opportunity to play one (1) power play each season to double their Ladder Points for the individual round. The Power Play can only be played during the preliminary rounds. To activate the Power Play, a club representative must contact Athletics Victoria no later than the set closing date prior to competition round. Please see allocated closing dates at [www.athsvic.org.au](http://www.athsvic.org.au).

If a club plays their power play on a particular round that is cancelled before or during the event. The power play will be reinstated to the club and can be played at an alternative round. If a club plays their power play on the final preliminary round the power play will be used on the previous round.

If a club does not play their power play across any rounds of the AVSL season. The power play will then be forfeited, and no double points scored for that club.

## 6.9 INCOMPLETE ROUNDS

If one venue is abandoned before completion the scores for that round shall not stand for all meets.

If a club has played their Power Play in the abandoned round, the Power Play will be reinstated for a future round. If played in the last preliminary round, the Power Play will be retrospectively played for the previous round.

## 6.10 RESULTS

Athletes/Club Managers will have the opportunity to query a result through the Athletics Victoria website no later than Monday 5:00pm following the completed round of competition. After this time no amendments will be made to the scored results/AVSL Ladders.

## 6.11 TIED LADDER POSITION

Following the preliminary rounds, if two (2) or more clubs finish with the same ladder points the clubs will be compared via their cumulative season points. If clubs have equal points, they will be compared head to head across preliminary rounds. If clubs have equal wins across the season, a decision will be made by a coin toss.

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## 7. AVSL PLAYOFFS

Eligibility to represent a club in the AVSL Playoffs shall be determined by an athlete's participation in the preliminary rounds as defined by the following rules:

### 7.1 EVIDENCE OF PARTICIPATION

Evidence of participation in preliminary rounds of competition shall be based on data provided by the AV sanctioned computer scoring system.

There is an onus on clubs to check the accuracy of the data generated by this program during the season, refer to rule 6.10

A club may ask to inspect the original result sheets if the computer data is considered to be inaccurate.

### 7.2 PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

To compete at AVSL Playoffs, athletes must have a ranking in that event (or similar) as well as having competed in three (3) preliminary rounds of AVSL. If due to AVSL event's being abandoned, less than 10 rounds of AVSL are completed, athletes will only need to have competed in 1/3 of the completed preliminary rounds (rounded down). *Example – If 8 rounds are completed, athletes only need to compete in 2 rounds.*

Athletics Victoria will retain the discretion of eligibility for the AVSL Playoffs.

### 7.3 ELIGIBILITY BREACHES

If a club allows an ineligible athlete to compete in the AVSL Playoffs, they will lose all points scored by the athlete in the events for which he/she is ineligible. In addition, the athlete's club shall be penalised two (2) penalty units from its score for each transgression by each offending athlete.

### 7.4 INCOMPLETE FINALS

If circumstances prevail that prevent the completion of the full AVSL Playoffs, premierships will be awarded if 75% completion of the meet occurs. 75% completion of a meet is based off the number of event results compared to the total event pre-entries for the meet.

Premierships will be awarded to the leading club in each division, based on the scores of athletes with recorded performances at the time the competition ceased.

In the AVSL Playoffs, if less than 75% completion has occurred, Premierships and Promotion/ Relegation will be awarded based off the final AVSL ladder standings following the completion of round 12.

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## 8. DISPUTES

Protests relating to matters that occur or develop during competition at a given round of AVSL should be made no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the event to the Referee and/or Competitions Manager. Any protest shall, in the first instance, be made orally to the Referee controlling the event. The Referee may decide on the protest or may refer the matter to the Jury of Appeal. If the Referee makes a decision the athlete has the opportunity to appeal that decision to the Jury of Appeal. The Jury of Appeal will comprise three (3) Athletics Victoria members (each of whom is from Athletics Victoria clubs not involved in the protest) and will be appointed by the Zone Competition Manager.

The appeal to the Jury must be submitted in writing on the approved Athletics Victoria form (available from the Administration Manager), signed by a club representative, and be accompanied by a \$50 deposit.

The deposit will be forfeited if the protest is considered frivolous by the Jury of Appeal. The Jury of Appeal's decision is final.

## 9. OFFICIALS AND CLUB DUTIES

### 9.1 REQUIREMENTS

In metropolitan zones, Athletics Victoria will advise of official's availability to all venues. Athletics Victoria will then appoint key officials and event supervisors for the AVSL competition; it is at the host zones discretion if they wish to reallocate roles following the first draft of allocations sent out by AV.

Additionally, zone committees will roster metropolitan clubs to provide 'club helpers' for duties at all rounds of AVSL competition. Athletics Victoria clubs will provide the 'club helpers' in accordance with the roster and numbers specified by each zone; club helpers will assist in conducting the events. An event may only commence when a sufficient number of officials/club helpers are in place. If a rostered club does not provide the required club helpers (as detailed by Athletics Victoria in 2020/21 Summer Competition Handbook) 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of an event, the event may not be held. In country zones, the number of officials supplied by an Athletics Victoria club at its venue for AVSL shall be determined by the local Region Committee.

### 9.2 PENALTIES

Any club that fails to provide their allotted number of club helpers for a role by the specified time as detailed by the Athletics Victoria 2020/21 Summer Competition Handbook will be penalised. Penalties will be issued as outlined in the club helper penalty matrix. This can be found at <http://athsvic.org.au/about/policies/>.

## 10. UNFAVOURABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS

In the event of inclement weather conditions on the day of AVSL Competition, any decision to cancel the meet, and/or modify the length or distance of events shall be made by the Competition Manager in consultation with the Referees. The Competition Manager is also empowered to alter the direction of track sprint events, in the event of unfavourable weather conditions Athletics Victoria members who provide a mobile phone number with their annual registration will receive an SMS notification if competition is cancelled. Athletics Victoria acts in accordance with Sports Medicine Australia's unfavourable weather guidelines. To view these guidelines in details, please refer to the Athletics Victoria website ([www.athsvic.org.au](http://www.athsvic.org.au)).

*\*Rules marked in red have been updated/included due to 2021 program changes*