



Murrumbateman Little Athletics Club 2024 AGM Registrar's Report – Leah Karszniewicz

This season we saw a total of 109 registrations which is a decrease of 50 athletes from the previous season. Of these athletes, 37 of them were new members to our club. This is a decrease of 30 athletes from last season.

New registrations occurred across the age groups however the majority were tiny tots (16 registrations). This is consistent with last year; approximately half of the new registrations were for tiny tots.

The majority of our registrations occurred prior to the beginning of the season, although slower than last season, and registrations continued throughout the whole season.

Factors affecting registration numbers included:

- Reduction in Active kids voucher value
- Installation of irrigation which meant a later season start
- Shortened season due to planned works at the grounds (which ended up being delayed but we stuck with our season dates)

The executive team decided on a cap of 25 for tiny tots numbers again this season, based on feedback from prior seasons.

We ended up slightly over the limit again this year, but rather than keep a waitlist the exec committee agreed to allow the few extra regos. We ended up with 27 tiny tot registrations.

Our athlete age group breakdowns are as follows:

- Tiny tots – 27 athletes
- U6s – 7 athletes
- U7s – 12 athletes
- U8s – 8 athletes
- U9s – 14 athletes
- U10s – 8 athletes
- U11s – 15 athletes
- U12s – 7 athletes
- U13s – 6 athletes
- U14s – 5 athletes

Issues to consider for 2024/25 season:

- Whether to decide on a reduced fee for athletes registering for half a season or less. We had a number of these during the season due to family or other sporting commitments, even in the last few weeks. We didn't have agreed reduced rates in place to streamline these late regos. For those who would attend for 2 weeks or less, the president approved new athletes just paying insurance fees.
- For awareness - an enforced cap in ResultsHQ/Timing Solutions couldn't be automated due to the system caps being limited to a single age group. The tiny tots covers two different age groups of 4 and 5 year olds and it was not possible to predict the distribution of ages, so it required close monitoring for several weeks after registrations opened as the registrations



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approached 25, and once reached, to place a cap on each age group and gender based on the numbers in each group to prevent more registrations.

Social media communications were released when the cap was almost reached and families emailed if they weren't able to register due to caps being in place. These numbers were circulated with the exec group to determine whether to start a waitlist or allow the rego. If allowed, the registrar coordinated a time with the family (generally via email) and opened up the required number of places in the appropriate age groups. Once the rego was received, a new cap was put in place.

We look forward to another great season in 2024/2025 and hope to continue to encourage young local athletes to join our club.

Regards

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