

Level 1 Community Athletics Coach Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Information Sheet



The RPL assessment tools have been developed to assess a coach's current level of competence equivalent to the **Level 1 Community Athletics Coach**.

Coaches, who successfully complete the RPL process, will gain accreditation as a Level 1 Community Athletics Coach. This is subject to completion of all other accreditation requirements.

As a Level 1 Community Athletics Coach, applicants will be eligible to undertake the Level 2 Intermediate Club Coach Accreditation program.

The process for RPL is as follows:

1. Applicants need to read "Who should consider Recognition of Prior Learning" as per below and determine if they are eligible to apply for RPL for Level 1 Community Athletics Coach.
2. Candidates, who consider they are eligible to apply, should contact the Coach Accreditation Administrator coachaccreditation@athletics.org.au to request the RPL documentation.
3. The cost for applying for RPL for Level 1 Community Athletics Coach accreditation is:
\$33.00 (this is a non-refundable fee)
~~\$55.00~~ Accredited Athletics Coach annual membership fee
\$88.00 Total fee
4. Applicants will be required to complete the Australian Sports Commissions Online module Community Coaching General Principles - <https://learning.ausport.gov.au/auth/login?ReturnUrl=%2f> and forward the Certificate of Completion with their application. Teachers may submit a copy of their teacher registration card in lieu of completing the online module.
5. Applicants must complete a plan for a training session using the template provided by Athletics Australia. They must ensure the session focuses on coaching **beginning** athletes **fundamental skills of run, jump and throw**. The session should demonstrate an awareness of safety, engagement, inclusiveness, maximum participation and fun for all participants. The completed plan is to be forwarded with your application.
6. Applicants need to be assessed by an approved assessor against the Level 1 Competencies as defined in the RPL form.
7. Once the assessment and documentation is complete, applicants forward all to the Coach Accreditation Administrator coachaccreditation@athletics.org.au or Athletics House, Level 2, 31 Aughtie Drive, Albert Park, 3206

The assessment tool includes the Level 1 Community Athletic Coach competencies, an explanation of each competency and an example (description) of the behaviours associated with the competencies.

Who should consider Recognition for Prior Learning?

- Those who have been **coaching** for a number of years in either schools or clubs utilising a fun, inclusive, safe and high participation model that delivers the fundamental movement patterns of athletics, as well as having a background in Track and Field.
- Current Physical Education teachers who run the athletics program for their school and have an understanding of the fundamental skills of track and field.
- Those who have completed the Introduction to Coaching Course and have been actively coaching utilising a fun, inclusive, safe and high involvement coaching model as per the **'Playing for Life' philosophy** for a minimum of 1 year **after** completing the course.

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Approved assessors for the practical assessment can be one of the following:

- A current Level 3 – 5 Coach who has observed the applicant coach over a minimum of 1 season or its equivalent.
- A Club/Centre President, Coaching Coordinator or similar who has observed the applicant coach over a minimum of 1 season (or its equivalent) and has been approved by Athletics Australia.
- A School Principal, Sports Coordinator or similar who has observed the applicant coach over a minimum of 1 season (or its equivalent) and has been approved by Athletics Australia.

Please direct enquiries regarding approval to the National Coaching Development Manager
Jill Taylor at Athletics Australia on 03 8646 4550

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Victoria 3206 or coachaccreditation@athletics.org.au