

## Coaching Course Planning and Scheduling News – August 2010

At present the branch is still waiting for the release of the new ***Athletics Australia Level 2 syllabus***. As soon as it is released we will be able to start planning, organising and advertising these courses for 2011.

In a recent briefing with Michael Poulton (Athletics Australia) I was advised that the final submission of the Athletics Australia Level 1 would go to the Australian Sports Commission for ratification and approval, late in July and the next stage (level 2) will be available before August. So it should be only a matter of days now before I can bring you relevant details regarding the AA L2.

### Re. scheduling courses.

The branch will not be offering the new level 1&2 courses until next year. There is however a number of alternatives for gaining the Athletics Australia level 1 in 2010. Some of these may change or indeed disappear in 2011:

1. By application to Athletics Australia for recognition of prior learning (i.e. RPL)
2. By completing the Australian Sports Commission's on-line Basic Principles Course, then attending an 'Introduction to coaching course' presented by VLAA (contact Shayne Bertrand /VLAA) and then providing evidence to AA of a set number of hours coaching.
3. Attending an AA L1 one-day course currently available through Athletics Victoria (contact Matt Griffin/ AV).

A further option is described by Athletics Victoria in a recent 'WRAP', that ***teachers*** can simply complete a 4 hours AV course, plus a brief practical evaluation and then simultaneously gain levels 1 and 2. For more details, refer to that edition of the AV WRAP.

### Re. ATFCA Branch planning

History has shown that candidates generally prefer to attend courses in the winter months. While the reasons may seem obvious, the reasoning is that so many candidates and presenters are already very busy during the summer months (i.e. involved with AV and VLAA competitions) with little time to attend courses.

So expect the first **ATFCA conducted** Athletic Australia Level 1 (AA L1) in April and level 2 (AA L2) in May or June. The new AA L2 has a general category called the 'Club' coach and will also be offered with specialisation options in 4 event specific categories. More on that when relevant information is available.

Looking into my crystal ball, my guess is that the AA level 3 is still a long-way off and that the branch will be authorised by AA to conduct another ATFCA L2, probably around June, 2011. Michael Poulton has advised that ATFCA L2 coaches will be aligned in the new AA system at about Level 3. So if we do run an

ATFCA designed L2 courses in 2011, as an interim measure, the successful candidates will still be nationally recognised and align later at AA L3.

Extras:

1. I invite you to submit to ideas and even volunteer to present in the **2011 Winter series of coach and athlete education workshops**.
2. **National Congress 2011** planning already in the pipe-line.
3. Editors for **Modern Athlete and Coach** invite coaches to submit articles (minor/ major: all welcome).

Yours faithfully,

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