UNIFORM POLICY

To ensure fairness, consistency and professionalism, the Ridgewood Athletics Centre has the following Uniform Policy for competitions run during the season.

Ridgewood Athletics Centre has a different Uniform Policy for events held at Halesworth Park, Butler and for athletes representing Ridgewood Athletics Centre at Athletics West Strive and/or Athletics West State Championships events.

Ridgewood Athletics Centre run events:

A Ridgewood Athletics Centre run event is where athletes are competing for the individual clubs (i.e., Butler, Clarkson, Mindarie, Quinns Rocks and Yanchep) at an event held by Ridgewood Athletics Centre.

These events are usually held at our home ground – Halesworth Park, Butler, however on the odd occasion a Ridgewood Athletics Centre event may be staged at an alternate venue such as the WA Athletics Stadium or another Centre's venue. Notice will be given to all clubs whenever a Ridgewood Athletics Centre event is held away from Halesworth Park, Butler.

All athletes must wear the correct approved club uniform, including:

TOPS

- Tops – All athletes must wear the approved club singlet/shirt in the prescribed colour and design as submitted and approved by Ridgewood Athletics Centre. These may be purchased from your club.
- The Athlete Registration Number must be displayed in the front centre of the uniform top and have the athlete's name and age group clearly displayed in the space provided.
- Exposed midriffs are not permitted at Halesworth Park (Centre run competitions).
- Athletes may wear a second top underneath their approved uniform top. If worn, the top must be plain black.
- If the manufacturer's logos are present, the logo must not exceed 7cm x 5cm (approximate size of a matchbox).

SHORTS

- All athletes must wear the approved Ridgewood Athletics Centre Shorts at all Centre and State Competitions. (These are available to purchase from the Centre)
- Athletes may wear 'Ridgewood Little Athletics Centre' Shorts only at Halesworth Park. (Previous Centre Shorts)
- Athletes may wear a second pair of shorts underneath their approved uniform shorts. If worn they must be plain black in colour.
- For Walking events, short length must finish at least 5cm above the knee.
- If manufacturer's logos are present, the logo must not exceed 7cm x 5cm (approximate size of a matchbox).

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- Shoes – lightweight running shoes/joggers must be worn for all events.
- Basketball boots are not suitable.
- No athlete may wear football boots or cleats in any event.
- Spikes may be worn for certain events as per Athletics West guidelines. Athletes must have a "Spike Licence" to compete in spikes. Please see your club coach for details.

HATS

- Hats should be removed before the start of all track events.
- For Field events hats should be removed before each athlete's turn.
- Athletes are encouraged to wear hats at all other times, including whilst waiting for their next attempt at field event sites.

Enforcement and Penalties

These will apply from Competition 4 – Dates will be clearly advertised on the Ridgewood Athletics Centre Website.

- Athletes not wearing the correct approved uniform (Top and Shorts) will be permitted to compete in ONE (1) event only. Athletes must rectify the uniform infraction prior to commencing their next event. Failure to do so will result in being excluded from events or disqualified from an event after a protest until rectified.
- The Competition Managers will allow a reasonable attempt to ensure the correct uniform is being worn for the first day of competition.
- If required replacement registration numbers can be purchased from the Centre for $10 each.
- The Competition Managers and/or Ridgewood Athletics Board may allow temporary changes to the uniform policy for specific events such as Pinkletics and Australia Day. Notice will be given to all clubs if a change is made to the Uniform Policy for specific events.

It is the Clubs' responsibility to ensure all Athletes are always competing in correct uniform.

Athletics West Strive Competitions:

An Athletics West Strive Competition is an event where athletes are representing Ridgewood Athletics Centre and competing at the WA Athletics Stadium, Floreat (or alternative venue as approved by Athletics West).

All athletes must wear the correct approved club uniform, including:

TOPS

- Tops – All athletes must wear the approved centre top (Singlet or Crop Top) in the prescribed colour and design as submitted and approved by Ridgewood Athletics Centre. (These are available to purchase from the Centre or Online Store when available)
- The Athlete Registration Number must be displayed on the front of the uniform top for Track and Throwing events and have the athlete's name and age group clearly displayed in the space provided where necessary.
- For Jumping events, The Athlete Registration Number may be displayed on the front or back of the uniform top and must have the athlete's name and age group clearly displayed in the space provided where necessary.

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- Athletes may wear a second top underneath their approved uniform top. If worn, the top must be plain black.
- If the manufacturer's logos are present, the logo must not exceed 7cm x 5cm (approximate size of a matchbox).

SHORTS/BRIEFS

- All athletes must wear the approved Ridgewood Athletics Centre Shorts or Briefs. (These are available to purchase from the Centre or Online Store when available)
- Athletes may wear a second pair of shorts underneath their approved uniform shorts. If worn they must be plain black in colour.
- For Walking events, short length must finish at least 5cm above the knee.
- If manufacturer's logos are present, the logo must not exceed 7cm x 5cm (approximate size of a matchbox).

Athletics West conducted State Events

An Athletics West conducted State event is where athletes are competing for the Ridgewood Athletics Centre as opposed to their Club. Such events include (but not limited to) State Relay Championships, State Combined Events Championships, Junior State Championships (U13-U18), Senior State Championships (U20/Open/Masters), Little Athletics Challenge (U9-U12) and Winter Competition.

At all Athletics West conducted State Events all athletes must compete in the approved Ridgewood Athletics Centre Uniform. (Exception: U7 to U8 athletes may wear club uniform.)

Under 9 to Under 13 – Ridgewood Athletics Centre Singlet and Shorts ONLY
Under 14 – Open - Ridgewood Athletics Centre Singlet OR Crop Top and Shorts OR Briefs.

At all Athletics West run events, Ridgewood Athletics Centre does not have control over the enforcement or penalties for breach of the policy. Athletics West is very strict in enforcing uniform policy during these events. If an athlete is not 100% compliant, they will be disqualified or denied entry to the events.

Please refer to the Rules and Regulations available on the Athletics West website for more information:
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