

Small Centre Challenges

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Purpose

- To workshop topics typically common to small Centres.
- Capture and share the ideas and suggestions
- For Centres to identify others in the Association

Topic # 1

- Programming your competition events when some age groups have few or no athletes.

Comments and suggestions:

- Combine age groups
- Combine boys & girls
- Hold more 'Bring a Friend' nights – suggest up to 3
- Consider clash dates with other sports and work with them / complement them.
- 'Cannamaroo Gift' (handicap sprint, Camperdown LAC) – incentivise athletes to attend during season with entry to an end of season special event
- Combine events with other Centres – create variety in the calendar
- Run distance events in the early morning cool before the start of the competition day
- Keep older athletes engaged as coaches and mentors.
- Run LAPS sessions or Sporting Schools sessions

Topic #2

- Encouraging athletes to enter Region/State competitions.

Feedback & suggestions:

- Carnival idea creates more work for Region committees
- Centre to host a dinner for Region-entered athletes; charge \$5. Create a sense of 'club'.
- Hire a bus and drive all athletes to the Carnival/Championship – create a sense of 'team';
- Hire a team bus in conjunction with other Centres to fill the bus and defray costs.
- Centres to promote message of fun around the Carnival experience.
- Allow athletes to choose their events themselves.
- LAVic to consider hosting 'Small Centre Championships'