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NEW STARTING RULES

As you are probably aware, IAAF has approved a new starting rule. Under the new starting rule, no false starts will be allowed (on the same lines as swimming). Any athlete false starting will be disqualified.

Athletics Australia has considered the new rule and agreed to dispensations for Australian competition as follows :

1. Any competition conducted exclusively for athletes competing in the under 16 age group and younger.
2. At any club level competition for any age group.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ATHLETICS VICTORIA ?

SHIELD COMPETITION

Because of the club based nature of Shield Competition and the fact that it conducted on a graded basis **THE NEW START RULE WILL NOT BE ADOPTED FOR THE BALANCE OF THE 2009/10 SHIELD COMPETITION.**

The matter will be reviewed prior to the start of the 2010/11 Shield Competition.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Athletics Australia has indicated that the new rule will not be used for athletes competing in the under 16 and under age groups at the Australian U14 - U20 Track and Field Championships in March 2010.

Accordingly, Athletics Victoria **WILL NOT USE THE NEW START RULE FOR THE UNDER 14 AND 16 AGE GROUPS AT THE VICTORIAN COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MOE IN JANUARY 2010 AND THE UNDER 14, 15 AND 16 AGE GROUPS AT THE YOUTH TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN FEBRUARY 2010.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEW START RULE WILL BE USED FOR ALL OTHER AGE GROUPS IN THE COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS IN JANUARY 2010, THE YOUTH TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN FEBRUARY 2010 AND THE VICTORIAN OPEN TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MARCH 2010.



**FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE HIGH VELOCITY CLUB IT HAS BEEN
AGREED TO USE THE NEW START RULE AT ITS 2010 MEETS.**

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