

The Little Athletics Data, LAD, application is an information system for the recording of a Little Athletics Centre data. It includes families, registrations, results, centre records, parent help register and athlete points register. The application has been developed to provide a program which is:

- responsive,
- easy to use,
- feature rich, and
- integrates with the centre's web site.

Feedback from the users of LAD indicates that all of these goals have been handsomely met.

LAD is a web based application which runs on your own PC or notebook. Microsoft IIS (included with Windows Vista Home Premium) and Microsoft SQL Server Express 2005 are the engines behind LAD. No other software is required to run LAD on either the LAD server or any client PCs.

LAD was designed and developed by Michael Sticpewich of Wichit Pty Ltd, (ABN 17 122 819 774). The development of the application was supported by Ku-ring-gai Little Athletics as they required a robust multi-user information system. With 600 athletes and 10 notebooks running LAD on a Saturday morning, LAD has proved to be an invaluable asset for the centre.

You can be confident that LAD will also meet the information goals of your centre as LAD continues to be developed for use by smaller centres as well. There are now 20 centres using LAD with 12 of them (with the *) also enjoying the benefits of hosting their data at www.elad.com.au. The number of athletes is shown in brackets:

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| Ku-ring-gai (700) * | Raymond Terrace (190) * |
| Temora (95) | Gosford (330) * |
| Balmain (360) * | Northern Districts (450) * |
| Manly Warringah (700) * | Port Stevens (150) |
| Hawkesbury City (250) * | Medowie (180) |
| Tamworth (180) | Nyngan (51) |
| Orange (250) * | Armidale (160) |
| Dubbo Athletics Club (150) * | Dubbo RSL Youth Club (125) * |
| Gunnedah (180) | Bathurst (250) * |
| Young & District (200) * | Revesby Workers (250) |

LAD is a well thought out structured application, used easily for efficient and accurate data recording of athlete's times. It took only 5 minutes to be shown how to enter times for the various age groups and events. It is very simple and intuitive to use without the user needing any prior computer knowledge – you only have to be able to know how to use the number keypad! Using a web interface and having wireless network connectivity to the backend application makes it extremely efficient as the data is entered directly at each event's results table.

The athletes are pleased that you can advise Personal Best times on the spot. As you enter times, "PB's" are flagged and displayed and for the high achievers, any new centre record is also very visibly displayed.

Even if you are not computer literate, this application is simple yet effective to use requiring minimal instruction to get you up and running.

Wendy Mears
QA Manager
Planwell Technology

Rank	Age	Name	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result
1	10	LUKE PIERCE	1:00.00	1:00.00	1:00.00	1:00.00	1:00.00	1:00.00	1:00.00
2	10	ANTHONY JONES	1:01.00	1:01.00	1:01.00	1:01.00	1:01.00	1:01.00	1:01.00
3	10	OLIVER JONES	1:02.00	1:02.00	1:02.00	1:02.00	1:02.00	1:02.00	1:02.00
4	10	HARVEY TAYLOR	1:03.00	1:03.00	1:03.00	1:03.00	1:03.00	1:03.00	1:03.00
5	10	FIN LLOYD	1:04.00	1:04.00	1:04.00	1:04.00	1:04.00	1:04.00	1:04.00
6	10	BRUNNEN JONES	1:05.00	1:05.00	1:05.00	1:05.00	1:05.00	1:05.00	1:05.00
7	10	WALTER JONES	1:06.00	1:06.00	1:06.00	1:06.00	1:06.00	1:06.00	1:06.00
8	10	HARRISON JONES	1:07.00	1:07.00	1:07.00	1:07.00	1:07.00	1:07.00	1:07.00
9	10	ALICE JONES	1:08.00	1:08.00	1:08.00	1:08.00	1:08.00	1:08.00	1:08.00
10	10	ALICE JONES	1:09.00	1:09.00	1:09.00	1:09.00	1:09.00	1:09.00	1:09.00
11	10	ALICE JONES	1:10.00	1:10.00	1:10.00	1:10.00	1:10.00	1:10.00	1:10.00
12	10	ALICE JONES	1:11.00	1:11.00	1:11.00	1:11.00	1:11.00	1:11.00	1:11.00
13	10	ALICE JONES	1:12.00	1:12.00	1:12.00	1:12.00	1:12.00	1:12.00	1:12.00
14	10	ALICE JONES	1:13.00	1:13.00	1:13.00	1:13.00	1:13.00	1:13.00	1:13.00
15	10	ALICE JONES	1:14.00	1:14.00	1:14.00	1:14.00	1:14.00	1:14.00	1:14.00
16	10	ALICE JONES	1:15.00	1:15.00	1:15.00	1:15.00	1:15.00	1:15.00	1:15.00
17	10	ALICE JONES	1:16.00	1:16.00	1:16.00	1:16.00	1:16.00	1:16.00	1:16.00
18	10	ALICE JONES	1:17.00	1:17.00	1:17.00	1:17.00	1:17.00	1:17.00	1:17.00
19	10	ALICE JONES	1:18.00	1:18.00	1:18.00	1:18.00	1:18.00	1:18.00	1:18.00
20	10	ALICE JONES	1:19.00	1:19.00	1:19.00	1:19.00	1:19.00	1:19.00	1:19.00
21	10	ALICE JONES	1:20.00	1:20.00	1:20.00	1:20.00	1:20.00	1:20.00	1:20.00
22	10	ALICE JONES	1:21.00	1:21.00	1:21.00	1:21.00	1:21.00	1:21.00	1:21.00

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Testimonial

The following testimonial is from Darryl Welch, the Vice President and IT Officer of Manly Warringah Little Athletics, <http://www.manlywarringahlittleathletics.org.au/>. If you would like to get in touch with Darryl you can do so at vp@manlywarringahlittleathletics.org.au

"My name is Darryl Welch. I am the Vice President and IT Officer for Manly Warringah Little Athletics Centre. Manly is one of the oldest and largest Little Athletics Centres in NSW and is made up of 6 clubs that compete against each other each Saturday at Narrabeen.

Previously we used a system at Manly which is commonly used within centres to store athletes information and to record results. There were a number of difficulties that we had with it and found it to be largely unsupported. As a result we looked into what other options we had which is how I came across LAD (Little Athletics Data).

Based on the functionality and abilities in LAD, and its integration with eLAD (the web site and hosting package available), myself and the Manly committee found it very easy to make the decision that LAD is perfect for our Little Athletics Centre. As a result we bought it and are now using it.

Working for a software company myself, I had expectations that there would be a number of teething problems with the software both in downloading and inserting registration data from Clubs On-Line, registering people in LAD that showed up on the morning of competition, and in entering results.

Much to my pleasant surprise, there have been no issues with the software that caused any sort of disruption to us. Our first day of competition was last Saturday (20/9/08) and everyone involved in the running of the competition as well as the club registrars commented on how smooth it went. As well as this, due to some of the features in LAD it actually cuts down on the work required by a number of our track and field officials which everyone was most happy about. We have had issues with getting enough parents to assist in the running of competition so anything that makes life easier is a huge advantage.

I am not sure what other packages you are looking at, or that are out there, I can only compare LAD to the system that we use to use. Based on this, we were convinced to use LAD for the following reasons:

- It is browser based, not an application that needs to be installed on each PC. This means that we can easily use any laptop (or PC) out in the field to enter results (with a wireless network). Our objective is to have each age manager with their own laptop to enter the results in as the athlete completes their turn. This will cut down on the need for parent helpers to sit in a room to enter data and, more importantly, it gives the children real time feedback on if they have achieved a PB. We try and encourage children to be their best and being able to tell them immediately if they have achieved a PB will really help to reinforce this.*
- It is so easy to use. On Saturday we had a grandmother of one of the athletes entering data after reading a brief instruction sheet.*
- It is very easy to set up and configure. You do not need any real computer skills to set it up and administer it on a day to day basis. It is very intuitive and straight forward. If you have used a PC and have very basic computer skills then you can look after it.*

- *It has very good validation to ensure that results are recorded correctly. While human error is always possible, LAD cuts this down dramatically through the validation of data that it has. It stops people entering data for wrong events, age groups etc.*
- *It is able to easily accept the registration from Clubs On-Line as well as having the ability to register people directly into LAD (e.g. at registration days where there is no internet connection to Clubs On-Line) then upload the data to Clubs On-line.*
- *Manly has a very complicated points scoring system with different awards for clubs and the centre which are all calculated differently. LAD was easily able to accommodate what we required without us having to change the way that we do things. This was a major concern that we had. We didn't want the software to dictate the way that we had to do things, the software had to be able to do things the way we have always done things. It did.*
- *It keeps track of parent duties performed. We have for many years had difficulties in tracking which parents have helped on competition days. We continually had the same people doing work while others did nothing. It was a real problem for us. With LAD we are able to easily track this to ensure that everyone does their fair share which should help competition days run smoother.*
- *LAD has been developed specifically for the way that Little Athletics is run in NSW so is a perfect fit for the way that things are done. I am always weary of "generic" software of this type that is modified to support other ways of doing things. As I mentioned before, I work for a software company and know the issues that this sort of thing causes for support and changes in the future.*
- *The support from the supplier has been excellent and fast. I have had numerous questions and requested a number of small changes to accommodate different things that we wanted to see in the software. The supplier has always responded promptly and gone out of his way to accommodate us. Having one of the largest little athletics centres in NSW it is critical that I know that we can rely on fast and efficient support if needed.*
- *It can create many reports to give crucial information such as medical information for children, championship/representative selection reports, registration information etc. This will make life so much easier for us and with things like championship/representative selection, take out any controversy or subjectiveness.*
- *The integration with eLAD which we use for our web site is fantastic, especially the ability for the children to view their results on-line. Children use to have to wait for 2 weeks to get their results and the administrative headache of getting the printed results to so many children was a real pain. Now it is so simple to upload the results. As I mentioned before we have only had 1 competition day and since then we have had so much positive feedback on children being able to see their results. It is very pleasing and gives me real comfort that we made the right decision.*

There are more benefits of LAD that I could go through but I think you get the idea.

I can highly recommend LAD and believe that you should seriously look at it as part of your investigations. It has so many good points and makes life so much easier for a little athletics centre."

LAD FEATURES

Family based registration recording

Registrations are entered in LAD by first creating a family record and then attaching registrations to that family. Most registration systems treat each registration as separate entity however LAD recognizes that Little Athletics is more a family based activity with more often than not, 3 or 4 children attending from the same family. This means that you only need to enter the addresses and contact information once; it is then reused for each associated registration, rather than having to input the same details over and over for each family member.

Point Score

LAD accumulates points based on attendance and performance where point values are controlled by the administrator. Points can be awarded for:

- Competing
- Equal PB result
- New PB result
- 1st place
- 2nd place
- 3rd place through to 8th

The screenshot shows the LAD software interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'UNDER 11' selected, 'Girls', 'Total Points', 'Destination', 'Screen', and a 'Submit' button. The main title is 'Athlete Points By Age Group' with a timestamp 'At 14/3/2008 9:54:13 AM'. Below this is a table titled 'Ordered by Total Points' with columns: Reg, Name, Age Group, Points For Competing, Points For Equal PBs, Points For New PBs, Points 1st Place, Points 2nd Place, Points 3rd Place, Points Total, Points Adjust, and Points Total. The table lists several athletes including KING, BENEFER, REGAN, CHARLOTTE, KING, CATHERINE, POWERS, I, MADON, PINNALL, STIGREN, VARDY, C, HOWARD, BEANE, R, WOODS, HARDING, TAYLOR, GREEN, A, DOWNEY, and HARMON.

Below the main table is a section titled 'Athlete Points Report' for '35 GEORGIA SPELBERG'. It contains a table with columns: Meeting Date, Event, Participation, Equal PB, New PB, and Place. The data shows participation in various events on Saturday, 1 March 2008 and Saturday, 23 February 2008.

Parent Help Register

LAD can help you keep track of parent help and assist in targeting those families who are frequent visitors but infrequent helpers. Parent help is quickly and easily recorded in LAD with a table of tasks being maintained and completely flexible to suite the centre.

LAD has been set up to give you flexibility in the way you record parent help by task and location.

Help is recorded for each meeting via a link provided on the family record for recording parent help performed by the selected family. The helper can be flagged as one who helps in the same task every week. These helpers can then be duplicated at the start of the new week to avoid having to re-enter these details each week. LAD also comes with a parent help report which discloses the attendance of the family each week and if they helped on the day.

Achievement Awards

A table of achievement levels and associated colours for each event by age group and gender can be maintained in LAD. Award achievements are disclosed when recording results via easily identifiable icons. The achievement levels are those set up by KLAC but they are completely definable by the individual centre through the event details administration.

Heat	Reg #	Athlete	Result 1	Result 2	Result 3	Result	Award	Place*	Points**	Action
	313	CHARLOTTE REGAN				9.00m		9.24m	18	1 for coming 2 for New PB
	577	CAITIE HALL				12.33m		PB	6	1 for coming 2 for New PB
	556	GEORGINA GROVE				7.71m		8.87m	24	1 for coming
	503	HARRIET TILBROOK				6.62m		7.18m	27	1 for coming

Personal Bests – PB

A PB is highlighted during data entry, and on performance tickets. During data entry, where the result is a new PB it will be highlighted with **PB** or else the PB will be displayed. The PB for the event is also included on printed event sheets.

Results Entry

LAD has been developed to be very user-friendly with quick, accurate and easy data entry as a key goal. As LAD is used at KLAC at the event to record results in real-time, by a wide range of people with various computer competencies, data entry has to be a breeze. A result header is created on selection of the meeting date, age group, gender, and event from a series of select boxes. These make for better accuracy. The existence of the result header is confirmed in the database. If one is found then it is used, else the user is prompted to create a new header. This approach means that duplicate result headers are not possible.

Data entry is then by way of entering the registration number and the result achieved in the selected event. Further validation of the result is performed when it is entered and any anomalies are reported to the user in the form of an alert message, e.g.



- Registration number is for the event age group and gender
- Result has not previously been entered. Existing results are not overwritten. In the case of long jump, three results may be recorded with the final result being automatically updated with the best performance.
- The result is checked against a minimum and maximum result where these parameters have been set up in the event details administration.
- The result is automatically checked against the centre records to highlight new records.

Results are displayed in the order that they are entered with the last result entered at the top. This makes for easy validation of the last entered result. However, the result entry page can be sorted by Registration number, athlete name or by performance. This helps with reviewing results, should the need arise.

Event Sheets

Event sheets can be prepared with page breaking by age group, gender and event. This type is used at KLAC, however small centres find that this wastes too much paper. With this in mind, event sheet options are available in LAD for preparation by event or by age group. These options allow sheets to be grouped by the event where all athletes are on the sheet for the event, one age group after the other. 'By age group' allows sheets to have page breaks for each age group with all the events for the age group on the sheet. So if your centre records the results on sheets carried by age managers, then you can use the age group sheets. If you have the sheets at each event, you can use the event sheets.

KLAC - KLAC Little Athletics (2008 Season)				Program 2 - Sprints - Event Sheet		
Event Date: Saturday, 10 November 2007		Girls Record: JESSIE STEPHENS 24.30 2006/07		24.30 2006/07		
Event: GIRLS U11 100 METRES		Girls Record: CATELINA JOCKHEAT 24.30 2006/07		24.30 2006/07		
GIRLS U11		Girls Record: AMANDA GARDNER 24.30 2006/07		24.30 2006/07		
Sticker 11		Event ID: 6111000		Girls Record: ALYSSA RACQUEN 25.40 2011/12		
Reg	Athlete	BE	Heat #	Result	Place	Comments
21	ANTONIA HOWARD	25.3s				
23	ALANA FENNELLEY	26.2s				
26	GEORGINA STOKPENTCH	29.8s				
37	CATHERINE KING	33.2s				
38	JENNIFER KING	27.1s				
53	ALICE TAYLOR	27.1s				
60	ANNABEL SOLDONG	29.9s				
68	LAURA FINNER	34.9s				
72	NAOMI JOHNSTON	29.6s				
89	SOPHIE PHILLIPS	27.2s				
95	DEBBIE LOWENSTEIN	35.7s				
102	EMMA SHEDLEY	35.8s				

Event sheets include athlete's best performances as well as centre record and current season best performance.

Event sheets can be printed by event type, sprints, hurdles, inner circle, outer circle and field. The event sheets are saved in PDF format for each event type or age group depending on the type selected. PDF files are used so that the sheets can be distributed by email if required.

Reports

The following reports are available in LAD:

- Event sheets
- Event sheets by age group
- Event sheets by event
- Results for program
- Results summary
- Result tickets
- Results by Age Group
- Multi Event Results (Septathlon etc)
- Parent help by meeting
- Parent help by family
- Attendance by registration
- Attendance by age group
- Points score by Club
- Points score by age group
- Points score by place
- Family contact report
- Family notes
- Athlete contact report
- Athlete medical report
- Proof of age not sighted
- Registration summary by club
- Registration summary by age group
- Season best performances
- Centre records
- Achievement level summary by event
- Ranking report
- Ranking data export
- Championship selection report
- Address labels

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KU-RING-GAI Little Athletics
Season Best Performances 2008 Season
 At 14/3/2008 9:29:19 AM

Event	Athlete	Result	KU-RING-GAI Record
UNDER 6 Boys			
BOYS U06 DISCUS	J MCFADDEN	13.96m	13.96m 07/08
BOYS U06 LONG JUMP	J MCFADDEN	2.53m	2.53m 07/08
BOYS U06 SHOT PUT	J MCFADDEN	9.18m	9.19m 07/08
BOYS U06 200 METRES	J MCFADDEN	40.5s	40.5s 07/08
BOYS U06 300 METRES PS	J MCFADDEN	1m 9.8s	1m 9.8s 07/08
BOYS U06 100 METRES	J MCFADDEN	20.3s	20.3s 17/11/2007
BOYS U06 50 METRES	J MCFADDEN	9.8s	9.8s 07/08
BOYS U06 70 METRES	J MCFADDEN	13.8s	13.8s 07/08
UNDER 6 Girls			
GIRL U06 DISCUS	E HUNT	8.23m	8.84m 06/07
GIRL U06 LONG JUMP	A ROCKLFF	2.10m	2.21m 06/07
GIRL U06 SHOT PUT	E STREET	3.51m	4.62m 06/07
GIRL U06 200 METRES	A ROCKLFF	43.0s	43.3s 23/2/2008
GIRL U06 300 METRES PS	A ROCKLFF	1m 10.9s	1m 10.8s 07/08
GIRL U06 70 METRES	A ROCKLFF	14.3s	13.6s 06/07
GIRL U06 50 METRES	A ROCKLFF	10.4s	9.8s 06/07
GIRL U06 100 METRES	A ROCKLFF	21.1s	19.9s 06/07

Software Support

Recognising that centres are run by volunteers who have a wide range of skills and levels of commitment and generally being time-poor; LAD has been developed with great care that it be error free and intuitive.

At KLAC on a Saturday, there are ten notebooks connected wirelessly for results entry. These PCs are used by different parents each week. Parents have a wide range of PC competency, many of whom had an initial fear of being tasked to enter results. All of them have found that after only a few minutes tuition, they have been able enter the day's results without mishap.

With this in mind it is reasonable to expect that you will not have too much trouble with LAD. However, if things do go wrong then support is available.

Support is by way of email or contact to mobile phone during normal business hours, or after hours, at a reasonable time, in case of emergency. Many changes have been made to LAD to make it suitable for a smaller centre's method of operation. Therefore amendments to suite your centre should not be required. However changes to LAD are assessed on merit for all users and so future refinements may be made to suit your centre. So, although changes will likely be made on request, they are not guaranteed to be made.

LAD is under continual development and licensing covers your receipt of any software updates which may be necessary for bug fixes, feature improvements or new features during the licensing period which is 12 months from date of purchase. Updates are distributed by email and are also available through the www.wichit.com.au web site. These updates are very easy to apply given the modular nature of the application.

Re – LAD

Hello my name is John Terranova; I am the recorder for Raymond Terrace Athletics Club.

I have been using this program for the last year and it has been very good. There were some teething problems at the beginning as it was set up for a larger club than us. We are around the 200 members mark, but with the support from Michael and a few modifications, we set it up to run for small clubs.

If I had any problems with anything the support was excellent. I either rang or sent as email and received a reply within a day and sometimes with the repair or request for new function in the program already done.

If you have any questions please feel free to send me an email or phone me on the number listed below.

Regards John Terranova
RTAC Recorder

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LAD Pricing

LAD is a web based application which runs on your own PC or notebook. Microsoft IIS (included with Windows 7 Home Premium, *not Home Basic*) and Microsoft SQL Server Express 2008 are the engines behind LAD. No other software is required to run LAD on either the LAD server or any client PCs.

We try to make the introduction of LAD as easy as possible for the centre. To achieve this LAD is supplied on a Dell notebook, fully installed, set up and ready to go for your centre. The notebook will be purchased by WichIT and invoiced to the centre at cost plus a small handling charge plus GST. Or the centre can purchase the Dell notebook and have it delivered to Wichit for setup.

LAD is priced on a 'per athlete' basis for initial licensing and setup. A nominal annual maintenance fee is charged for continued support and upgrades.

Should you wish to employ client PCs at your centre so that you can have multiple simultaneous data entry points at your centre, you will need to source a Wireless Access point and set it up for access by your LAD master PC and the clients. This is usually the tricky bit. So again we try to make life easy by offering the inclusion of a wireless access point with your LAD kit. In this case the Access Point and the LAD Master PC will be setup and ready to go. You will need to set up any client PCs, but the instructions and settings will be supplied. Note that client PCs will require a wireless card! Client PCs require no software except for a web browser such as Internet Explorer.

From: Megan Shave
Sent: Saturday, 1 March 2008 1:45 PM
To: michael@wichit.com.au
Subject: Little Athletics Computer Recording

Hi Michael

I just wanted to drop you a line and let you know that for the 2nd week in a row, as a shot put recorder, I have had the opportunity of using your great computer program. How easy it is now to enter all the results. Anything that I can do once, I hate to have to do twice. By using the computers, at the event, the results are inputted immediately which means no-one else is required to do it a second time. Fantastic!! Faster, better, smarter . . . not just on the track!

Have a good week.

Megan Shave

LAD Pricing (At 22 July 2010): *Pricing is based on Active athletes. LAD will not allow you to register or activate more athletes than is allowed within your license key. Retired athletes are not included in the count of number athletes for licensing purposes.

Year 1	
Notebook: Dell Inspiron 15 (or current equivalent) + Windows 7 Home premium + carry case	\$1,000 purchase (Inc GST) (based on current DELL pricing, to be confirmed at purchase time)
Application Purchase	\$5.00 per Active* Athlete (minimum \$500), plus GST
Setup	\$300 + GST
Annual Maintenance Fee	These fees are paid annually. The first year fee being included in the purchase price.
LAD master	\$1 per Active* Athlete (minimum \$250), plus GST
LAD client	\$50 per client, plus GST
eLAD.com.au Hosting	\$1,500 + GST setup in year 1 \$1 per Active* Athlete (minimum \$250), plus GST. Year 2 onward.

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