Limerick Athletic Juvenile Admissions Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline Limerick AC's approach to the admission of juvenile athletes to the club.

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1. **Introduction**
    a. This policy relates to applications to join Limerick AC on behalf of children aged 6 to 17.
    b. All applications to join Limerick AC will be via the Athletics Ireland Portal, a link to which shall be available via the club website – www.limerickathleticclub.ie.

2. **Age Limits**
    a. The Athletics Ireland Membership portal restricts applications to children who have reached their 6th birthday on or before the 1st of January in the year of registration.
    b. No child below that age will be eligible to join Limerick AC as they will not be covered by the club's insurance policy.
    c. This policy does not apply to anyone who has already reached their 18th birthday.

3. **Waiting Lists**
    a. Where an age group is at capacity based on the number of available coaches, a master waiting list will be kept by the Club Registrar.
    b. Where coaches are approached by a parent or guardian, they should be directed to use the AAI portal to register interest in joining this waiting list.
    c. Coaches shall not keep individual waiting lists for their own groups.
    d. The Registrar will share the list with the coaches on a regular basis.
    e. When places become available the coach shall notify the Registrar who will then offer places to those on the waiting list based on their date of application.
    f. Where a parent or guardian fails to accept a place within two weeks of an offer, the child may be removed from the waiting list.

4. **Priority Admission**
    a. Where a waiting list exists, priority may be given in the following circumstances and order at the discretion of the age group lead coach.
        i. To children of approved coaches and committee members, where the child has been on the waiting list for at least 2 months.
        ii. To children whose parent is an active member of Limerick for over twelve months, where the child has been on the waiting list for at least 2 months.
        iii. To children of who already have a sibling that is a member of Limerick AC for over twelve months, where the child has been on the waiting list for at least 2 months.
        iv. To children where their parent or guardian is willing to act as a coach, where the child has been on the waiting list for at least 2 months.
        v. In the case of a parent or guardian offering to act as a coach, that parent / guardian must have completed the AAI vetting process in advance of the child's admission.

5. **Adherence to this Policy**
    a. To ensure fairness to all applicants, all members of Limerick AC shall adhere to this policy.
    b. Failure to adhere to this, or any other club policy may lead to disciplinary proceedings by the club against the member as per the club constitution.