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RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT

1.1 Introduction

Because we must pursue our objectives against the changing uncertainties of our internal and external operating environment, there is risk associated with all that we plan and do. We need to be willing to accept risks in order to pursue opportunities but we can ensure we understand the risks we create when we make decisions and we can treat those risks so they are no larger or smaller than our risk appetite.

Sound risk management is essential in the provision of a safe, satisfying, and enjoyable experiences for everyone participating in Athletics at all levels and ages throughout Australia.

This policy aims for a systematic approach for our Association in which risk management:

- Is a critical element of the governance and management of our Association;
- Is a way of thinking for everyone who organises, delivers or participates in track and field coaching activities in Australia; and
- Benefits participation, health and safety, social interaction, competitive performance and other key outcomes that underpin our coaching objectives.

1.2 Policy

We will acknowledge that there is risk in all that we do. Accordingly, at all levels of our Association and as part of what we routinely do, we will apply the risk management principles and practices described in AS/NZS ISO 31000 to ensure that at all times we have a correct, current and comprehensive understanding of our risks and that we adjust those risks to match our risk appetite in order to help achieve our objectives.

We will ensure we have the resources and organisational arrangements to make this possible and we will establish an assurance program to confirm that this has been achieved.

1.3 ATFCA's Risk Context

Sport is an important part of our society and of many people's lives. Sport exists in the same social, legal, and economic environment as any other form of human endeavour and as such the risks must be managed accordingly.

Sport by its nature engages the participant in increased risk. With this risk come opportunity, benefits, and reward. Participants willingly accept a certain level of risk to gain the enjoyment or satisfaction derived from winning or participating.

It is neither practical, nor in many cases acceptable, to adopt a process-oriented or risk-averse approach to these risks – to do so would strangle the sport or activity. Rather, risk must be managed within limits acceptable to participants, organisations, and the community.

1.4 Responsibilities

The ATFCA Board is responsible for the risk management policy, for establishing the organisation's risk appetite, for ensuring it can be implemented and for monitoring very high risks, the correct functioning of critical risk controls and the effective implementation of the policy.

The Executive Director is accountable to the Board for implementing this policy in a consistent manner across the Association and, as part of all forms of planning and decision making, and will report progress regularly to the Board.

Without changing this general accountability, the Executive Director may delegate specific responsibilities and accountabilities regarding risk management to State Branches, but shall continue to monitor the risk management performance of those concerned.

All personnel shall fulfil their specific risk management functions.

1.5 Stakeholders

We recognise the legitimate interests, knowledge and experience of our internal and external stakeholders and will regularly communicate and consult with them.

1.6 Monitoring and Review

We recognise that the internal and external environment in which we operate is constantly changing. Accordingly, we will continually monitor and review all aspects of our risk management arrangements.

1.7 Further Information

For further information on this policy and the risk management procedures, contact the Executive Director ATFCA (email: g.nunn-cearns@atfca.com.au).

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