



**CHIEF STEWARD'S REPORT
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE**

Meeting Name:	138 th Bay Sheffield Carnival – Colley Reserve (Day 1)
Date:	28 th December '24
Weather Conditions:	Cloudy with a few showers clearing in the early afternoon: 22 degrees
Track Conditions:	Sprint (70m/120m): Excellent Circular (321m): Excellent
Report Prepared By:	Trevor Mules
Conduct of Meeting:	<p>Congratulations to the athletes who were successful in making it onto the presentation podium. The performances of the athletes were at a competitive spirit and exciting finishes were witnessed by all who were in attendance.</p> <p>A big thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to prepare the track, it was a credit to those who had it in excellent condition for competing and those who assisted us on the day to make it a successful meeting.</p>

ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE

UP – (Unacceptable Performance) Refer to the SAAL Handicap guidelines for definitions of UP	Athlete	Race	Reason	Notes/Penalty
	Adam Evans	70m Final	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable Improvement <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable time <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of effort <input type="checkbox"/> Racing tactics <input type="checkbox"/> Other	In 34 days of competition with the League [Brighton to Bay Sheffield (Day 1)] times have improved by a total of 0.68sec which is equivalent to 5.48m. Chief Steward e-mailed athlete for explanation Action: Fine - 20% of Prizemoney (\$500)

NAP – (Non Approved Performance)	Athlete	Race	Reason	Notes/Penalty
	Michael Chimenton	800m Final	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable Improvement <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable time <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of effort <input type="checkbox"/> Racing tactics <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Improved performance from his heat run at Lancefield (Vic) to Bay Sheffield 2024. 16/11: 800m Heat (64m) – 2:03.56 (1 st) 16/11: 800m Final (64m) – 1:56.02 (1 st) 8/12: 800m Heat (64m) – 1:54.91 (1 st) 8/12: 800m Final (64m) – 1:57.20 (1 st) 28/12: 800m Heat (62m) – 1:53.68 (2 nd) 28/12: 800m Final (62m) – 1:52.18 (1 st) Also ran under Target Time (1:54.00) by 1.82sec
	Tyler Gridley	800m Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable Improvement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable time <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of effort <input type="checkbox"/> Racing tactics <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Athlete was 5.3sec (33m) slower than performances this year. Handicapper expected him to make the final at a minimum considering he won over the distance this year. Had COVID in the week before the Bay Sheffield Carnival which could have been a factor. Coach/athlete should have advised Chief Steward of illness.
	Stefan Catalano	1600m Over 35 Final	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable Improvement <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable time <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of effort <input type="checkbox"/> Racing tactics <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Athlete improved 6sec on the best MPS of his last 10 runs and 10sec (50m) on what he ran last year at the Bay Sheffield.

ATHLETE INJURIES	Athlete	Race	Injury	Notes/Penalty
	Anthony Fedele	70m Men – Heat 6	Upper Leg Injury	Sustained hamstring injury during his warm-up. Form 40: 28-day suspension
	Robert Killmier	800m Men – Heat 3	Upper Leg Injury	Sustained injury during the run and did not finish the race. Form 40: 28-day suspension
GENERAL COMMENTS ON RACE MEETING				
Include: Breaks & Mark Changes etc	<p>120m Restricted – Heat 1: Alexa Misalidis arrived late to the start and was accepted by the Starting Team to run. She was chatted by the Chief Steward after the heat and reminded her to be prepared earlier and could have been denied a start.</p> <p>120m Restricted – Heat 2: Hamish Hopkins was informed by Steward Phil Daws that looking across towards other athletes prior to the finish line is not permitted. Action: No fine sanctioned.</p> <p>300m U/14 – Heats 1,2,3 &4: All three placegetters ran under ‘Target Time’ for the four heats. Handicaps to be reviewed for adjustment by the Handicapper.</p> <p>300m Women’s Over 30 – Heat 1: Sonya Pollard broke at the start and was penalised 2m and re-handicapped from 78m to 76m.</p> <p>300m Women’s Over 30 – Heat 2:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gabby Sullivan had to be re-instated into the field due to being omitted from the program. The athlete ran off her mark of 40m. The Winner ran under ‘Target Time’ for the heat. Handicap to be reviewed for adjustment by the Handicapper. <p>300m Over 30 – Heat 4:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ali Saliu handicap was amended from 43m to 53m. After the race was run, Michael Cassidy lodged a protest against Ben Abriani for being cut off less than 2m. After viewing the footage, Ali Saliu was disqualified from his heat after the Steward Team unanimously agreed he deviated from his line of running in the straight which caused Ben Abriani to check and run towards the outside fence to avoid contact, who in turn cut off Michael Cassidy. Michael Cassidy was elevated to 2nd place and Paul Kean into 3rd. As Michael didn’t qualify for the final after being elevated to 2nd place the Chief Steward gave the Chief Judge the approval to include. 			

70m Women – Heat 6: Chloe Kinnersly broke at the start and was penalised 0.5m and re-handicapped from 5.25m to 4.75m.

550m U/18 Boys – Heat 1: Luca Floreani slipped over at the northern bend before entering the straight but did not interfere with any other runners.

120 Little Athletics Girls – Final: The Handicapper re-handicapped Rachel Stolz from 13.25m to 10m after her heat win earlier in the day.

120 Little Athletics Boys – Final: The Handicapper re-handicapped Mitchell Moffat from 16m to 6m after his convincing heat win earlier in the day. He went on to win the final.

300m U/14 – Final: Seven finalists ran under ‘Target Time’ for the event. Handicaps to be reviewed for adjustment by the Handicapper.

300m Women’s Over 30 – Final:

1. The Handicapper re-handicapped Lyn Peake from 104m to 101m after her heat win earlier in the day.
2. The Winner ran under ‘Target Time’ for the event. Handicap to be reviewed for adjustment by the Handicapper.

550m U/18 Boys – Final: Two athletes ran under ‘Target Time’ in their heat and final. Handicaps to be reviewed for adjustment by the Handicapper.

800m Men - Final: Michael Chimenton, Rory White and Tom Lancaster all run under ‘Target Time’ for the event. Handicaps to be reviewed for adjustment by the Handicapper.

70m Women – Final:

1. Taylah Spackman and Brooke Hayball both run under ‘Target Time’ for the event. Handicaps to be reviewed for adjustment by the Handicapper.
2. All eight athletes who made the final ran under ‘Target Time’ for their respective semi-finals. Handicaps to be reviewed for adjustment by the Handicapper.

70m Men – Final: All eight finalists ran under ‘Target Time’ in their respective heat, semi-final & final. Handicaps to be reviewed for adjustment by the Handicapper.



ATHLETE ADVISORIES	Athlete	Race	Athlete Comment	Steward Response
	Kian Bird	70m Men	Athlete asked permission to wear long tights.	Approved by the Chief Steward