



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

Meeting Name:	Reynella Gift Carnival – Reynella Oval
Date:	24 th January 2025
Weather Conditions:	Mostly Sunny. Temperature: 25 degrees
Track Conditions:	Sprint (120m): Good Circular (402m): Good
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 witnessed by all who were in attendance.</p> <p>A big thank you to Gary Thompson, his stable of athletes & everyone who volunteered their time to prepare the track, and those who assisted us on the day/night 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
			<input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable Improvement <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable Loss of Time <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of Effort <input type="checkbox"/> Racing Tactics <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

NAP – (Non Approved Performance)	Athlete	Race	Reason	Notes/Penalty
	Ali Trewartha	800m Women – Straight Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable Improvement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable Loss of Time <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of Effort <input type="checkbox"/> Racing Tactics <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Athlete ran a slower time of 4.4 seconds (22m) from her best run this season.
	Blake Jones	400m Men – Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable Improvement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable Loss of Time <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of Effort <input type="checkbox"/> Racing Tactics <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Athlete ran a slower time of 3.98sec from his previous best time and all runs have been off 11m as outlined: Ballarat 11/2/23 Heat: 48.75sec (5 th) Maryborough 1/1/24 Heat: 49.02sec (2 nd) Reynella 24/1/25 Heat: 50.50sec (1 st) Reynella 24/1/25 Final: 52.73sec (8 th) From Reynella heat to final loss of time by 2.23sec (16.45m)
	Timothy Hayes	800m Men – Straight Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable Improvement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable Loss of Time <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of Effort <input type="checkbox"/> Racing Tactics <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Athlete ran a slower time than at the Bay Sheffield Carnival off the same handicap of 100m by 9.18sec (51m) This was calculated on his best run over the distance this season.

	Isabel Hobbs	800m Women – Straight Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable Improvement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable Loss of Time <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of Effort <input type="checkbox"/> Racing Tactics <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Athlete ran a slower time of almost 17 seconds (80m) from her best run this season when winning at Flinders: Flinders 3/11/24 Heat (80m): 2:13.42 (2 nd) Flinders 3/11/24 Final (80m): 2:14.55 (1 st) Reynella 24/1/25 Final (72m): 2.31.43 (7 th)
ATHLETE INJURIES	Athlete	Race	Injury	Notes/Penalty
	Anjo Custodio	120m Novice - Final	Hamstring injury	Injury sustained during his warm-up for the final. Form 40: 28-day suspension
GENERAL COMMENTS ON RACE MEETING				
Include: Breaks, Mark Changes & Other	<p>120m Novice – Heat 1: Chief Steward was asked by the coach of Austin Botha if he could be moved from Heat 1 as the athlete was programmed to run in consecutive heats of U/18 Boys Heat 1 and the 120m Novice. Chief Steward was able to cater for the request to place Austin in the purple lane of Heat 2.</p> <p>120m Over 35 – Heat 1: Dana Chernishev asked for approval from the Chief Steward to do a ‘Standing Start’ for her heat. Action: Approval granted from by the Chief Steward.</p> <p>120m Over 35 – Heat 2:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Anne-Marie Antic asked for approval from the Chief Steward to do a ‘Standing Start’ for her heat. Action: Approval granted from by the Chief Steward. 2) Phil Daws spoke to new athletes Paul Henkel and Anne-Marie Antic re wearing of T-shirt under colour which is not normally allowed without prior permission of the Chief Steward. <p>120m U/18 Girls – Final: All athletes ran faster times from heat to final for the event. Review of handicaps for any necessary adjustments to be actioned by the Handicapper.</p>			

120m U/14 – Final: Five athletes ran faster times from heat to final for the event. Review of handicaps for any necessary adjustments to be actioned by the Handicapper.

120m U/18 Boys – Final: Five athletes ran faster times from heat to final for the event. Review of handicaps for any necessary adjustments to be actioned by the Handicapper.

120m Novice – Final:

- 1) Anjo Custodio withdrew from the final due to hamstring injury sustained in his warm-up for the final.
(Refer Athlete Injuries section)
- 2) All athletes ran faster times from heat to final for the event. Review of handicaps for any necessary adjustments to be actioned by the Handicapper.

120m Over 35 – Final:

- 1) Kasey Allen was spoken to by the Chief Steward for celebrating before the finish line for her stablemate winning the event.

Action: Caution

- 2) All athletes ran faster times from heat to final for the event. Review of handicaps for any necessary adjustments to be actioned by the Handicapper.

120m Women – Final: All athletes ran faster times from heat to final for the event. Review of handicaps for any necessary adjustments to be actioned by the Handicapper.

120m Men – Final: All athletes ran faster times from heat to final for the event. Review of handicaps for any necessary adjustments to be actioned by the Handicapper.

400m U/14 – Heat 1: Ethan Palmer broke at the start and was penalised 2m and re-handicapped from 44m to 42m.

400m U/14 – Final: The first four athletes ran under 'Target Time' for the event. Review of handicaps for any necessary adjustments to be actioned by the Handicapper.

ATHLETE ADVISORIES	Athlete	Race	Athlete Comment	Steward Response
	James Grant	800m Men – Straight Final	Athlete asked permission to wear a cap and sunglasses whilst running the event.	Approved by the Chief Steward.
	Riley McGuinness	120m Novice – Heat 1	Athlete was wearing sunglasses to be worn for the heat. Chief Steward made the athlete aware that approval is required.	Approval granted by the Chief Steward.
	Gino Geracitano	400m Over 35 – Heat 1	Athlete asked permission to wear long pants for this event.	Permission granted by Steward Phil Daws.
	Jordan McMillan	120m Women	Permission to wear sunglasses whilst competing.	Permission granted by the Chief Steward.