



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

Meeting Name:	City of West Torrens Camden Classic
Date:	Sunday 2 nd February 2025
Weather Conditions:	Fine and Hot. Temperature: 37 degrees
Track Conditions:	Sprint (120m): Good Circular (400m): Good
Report Prepared By:	Trevor Mules
Conduct of Meeting:	<p>Congratulations to the athletes who were successful in making it onto the presentation podium. In hot & trying conditions for all, the performances of the athletes were of a high standard and exciting finishes witnessed by all who were in attendance.</p> <p>A big thank you to Frank McHugh, his stable of athletes & everyone who volunteered their time to prepare the track, 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
			<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
	Matthew Wilson	800m Novice – 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	<p>Athlete ran slower than the Handicapper’s predicted time by some 9.7sec (55m). Chief Steward spoke to both athlete and parent where it was advised he had not done any training thus far and was his first run for the season. Chief Steward pointed out this information should have been provided before the meeting commenced and not after. Chief Steward also advised there would be no lift until an acceptable performance is displayed.</p>
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ATHLETE INJURIES	Athlete	Race	Injury	Notes/Penalty
	David Wilczek	400m Men Over 35 – Heat 2	Calf Tightness	Sustained during his warm-up for the heat. Withdrew just prior to the start. Form 40: 28-day suspension
	Thomas McClure	400m Men Camden Classic – Heat 3	Hamstring	Injury sustained during the running of the heat. Athlete did not finish the race. Form 40: 28-day suspension
GENERAL COMMENTS ON RACE MEETING				
Include: Breaks, Mark Changes & Other	<p>120m U/14 – Heat 1: Chloe Potuszynski fell after the finish line and reported to the Chief Steward she was OK.</p> <p>120m U/14 – Heat 3: Dom Kinley tripped and fell during the race and to his credit got to his feet and was still able to finish. He reported he was all OK.</p> <p>120m Para – Heats 1 & 2: Due to late withdrawals prior to the meeting commencing it was decided by the Chief Steward to run a straight final at the advertised time in the programme.</p> <p>800m Novice – Final: One athlete, being the winner ran under ‘Target Time’ in the final. Review of handicap for any necessary adjustment to be actioned by the Handicapper.</p> <p>120m U/14 – Final: One athlete, being the winner ran under ‘Target Time’ in the final. Review of handicap for any necessary adjustment to be actioned by the Handicapper.</p> <p>120m U/18 Girls – Final: No athlete ran under ‘Target Time’ in the final, however, all athletes ran a slower time from heat to final.</p> <p>400m U/18 Boys – Heat 2: Nathan Flesfadar was cautioned by the Chief Steward for looking around in the straight of his heat run.</p> <p>400m U/14 – Final: One athlete, being the winner ran under ‘Target Time’ in the final. Review of handicap for any necessary adjustment to be actioned by the Handicapper.</p> <p>400m Women Over 30 – Straight Final: The ‘Target Time’ for this event set by the Handicapper was 59.00 sec. One athlete ran under ‘Target Time’ in the final. Review of handicap for any necessary adjustment to be actioned by the Handicapper.</p>			

400m U/18 Girls – Final:

- 1) Two athletes ran under 'Target Time' in their heat.
- 2) Two athletes ran under 'Target Time' in the final. Review of handicaps for any necessary adjustment to be actioned by the Handicapper.

400m U/18 Boys – Final:

- 1) Three athletes ran under 'Target Time' in their heat. Handicapper spoke to the Chief Steward to advise he was happy to leave the athletes on the same mark for the final.
- 2) Five athletes ran under 'Target Time' in the final. Review of handicaps for any necessary adjustment to be actioned by the Handicapper.
- 3) Three athletes ran a slower time from heat to final ranging from 0.06sec to 2.54sec.
- 4) Coach Gary Thompson for his athlete Nathan Flesfadar, lodged a protest for interference at the top of the home straight (16.1 Overtaking - 2m rule) but was dismissed by Chief Steward due to lack of evidence (SAAL Video footage, Chief Steward and Steward).

1600m Open – Straight Final: One athlete, being the winner ran under 'Target Time' for the event. Review of handicap for any necessary adjustment to be actioned by the Handicapper.

400m Women Consolation – Final:

- 1) Melarn Murphy scratched from the Consolation Final due to illness affected by the extreme heat conditions.
- 2) Rosie Williamson scratched from the Consolation Final due to heat exhaustion.

400m Men Consolation – Final:

- 1) Max Thompson scratched from the Consolation Final due to blisters on the bottom of his foot.
- 2) Brandon Smith scratched from the Consolation Final due to dizziness caused by the extreme heat conditions.

400m Women – Final: After Ella Byrne ran under 'Target Time' in her heat by 0.7sec. It was proposed by the Handicapper in consultation with the Chief Steward for her to be re-handicapped for the final. Ella and her coach Nik Hagicostas were both advised of the decision and after some discussion with the Handicapper and Chief Steward, Ella was re-handicapped from 34m to 30m.

400m Men – Final: Luke Rigby ran under 'Target Time' in both heat (0.4sec) and final (0.39sec). The Chief Steward also approached the Handicapper, Damian Tohl to confirm if the athlete would receive any penalty for his heat time. Damian advised the Chief Steward he was satisfied with his allocated handicap, and no penalty would be applied.

A review of handicap for any necessary adjustment to be actioned by the Handicapper.

CHIEF STEWARD'S COMMENTS

It has been observed from prior meetings some athletes have neglected to advise the Chief Steward of the following:

1) Athlete Performance

Athletes who are unable to run to the best of their ability for whatever reason (injury, illness, training schedule, holidays etc) are required to inform the Chief Steward **prior** to racing.

This also is highlighted at the base of the nomination form each athlete signs off on.

There will be **no tolerance** given to any athlete when questioned on their performance by the Chief Steward/Steward and are advised of these circumstances after the event.

2) Athlete Attire

Athletes are requested to gain approval from the Chief Steward prior to racing for the following:

- Wearing of a cap whilst competing (Note - Must not be able to come detached and interfere with other athletes)
- Sunglasses including prescribed whilst competing
- Wearing of tights whilst competing (once permission is granted, the athlete must wear for the heat, semis and final of that event)
- Wearing of flat soled runners whilst competing
- Watches or any form of timing devices whilst competing is **prohibited**

ATHLETE ADVISORIES	Athlete	Race	Athlete Comment	Steward Response
	James Grant	400m Men Over 35	Athlete asked for permission to wear sunglasses whilst running in the event.	Permission granted by the Chief Steward.
	Ali Trewartha, Jessica Kemp, Kirsten Fantinel	400m Women Camden Classic - Heats 1,2,3	Athletes asked for permission to wear sunglasses whilst running in their heat.	Permission granted by the Chief Steward.
	Hayden Petherick	400m Men Camden Classic - Heat 1	Athlete asked for permission to wear sunglasses whilst running in the event.	Permission granted by the Chief Steward.