



| CHIEF STEWARD'S REPORT SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE | | | | |
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| Meeting Name: | 24 th Nippy's Loxton Gift – Loxton Oval | | | |
| Date: | Saturday 22 nd February 2025 | | | |
| Weather Conditions: | Fine and Hot with partly cloudy conditions expected and cool change developing later. Temperature: 41 degrees | | | |
| Track Conditions: | Sprint (70m/120m): Fast Circular (400m): Fast | | | |
| Report Prepared By: | Chief Steward – Trevor Mules | | | |
| Conduct of Meeting: | <p>Thank you to all the athletes, officials, coaches, parents and supporters who made the commitment to travel to Loxton for the Gift Carnival in hot and trying conditions for all.</p> <p>Congratulations to the athletes who were successful in making it onto the presentation podium.</p> <p>The performances of athletes were in a competitive spirit and good finishes witnessed by all who were in attendance.</p> <p>A huge thank you to the Loxton Development Committee, the generous group of sponsors and supporters, and everyone who assisted us 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 | |
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| NAP – (Non Approved Performance) | Athlete | Race | Reason | Notes/Penalty |
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| | Oliver Sibbick | 1000m Men | <input checked="" 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 | <p>Oliver’s time of 2:23.24 was under ‘Target Time’ by 1.8sec (11m). Although given a 5m lift from Keith Patching run on 24/11/24, Oliver’s improvement has been extreme by 5.53sec which is outside the allowable 3.0sec. A track condition allowance of 2sec has been considered for the Brighton run.</p> |
| | Mercedes Tierney | 1000m Women/Over 35 | <input checked="" 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 | <p>Mercedes’s time of 2:31.89 was under ‘Target Time’ by 3.11 sec (16.5m). Her previous time off the same mark run at Brighton on 24/11/24 was 2:44.12. This equates to an improved performance of 10.23sec (54.2m) which is outside the allowable 3.0sec. A track condition allowance of 2sec has been considered for the Brighton run.</p> |
| | Jessica Kemp | 1000m Women/Over 35 | <input checked="" 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 | <p>Jessica’s time of 2:37.18 was 3.34sec quicker than her run at Brighton on 24/11/24 (2:42.52) off the same mark (185m). This equates to approx. 17.33m. This improved performance is outside the allowable 3.0sec. A track condition allowance of 2sec has been considered for the Brighton run.</p> |



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| ATHLETE INJURIES | Athlete | Race | Injury | Notes/Penalty |
| | Dylan Boyce | 120m Men – Heat 3 | Leg Injury (possible Hamstring) | Injury sustained during the race. Athlete was able to finish the race to the best of his ability. Form 40: 28-day suspension |
| | David Hartogh-Jennings | 70m U/14 - Final | Foot Injury (possible Achilles area) | Withdrew from the final. Injury sustained during his heat run. Form 40: 28-day suspension |
| | Claire Hardy | 120m Women – S/Final 1 | Foot Injury | Withdrew from her semi-final. Injury sustained during her heat run. Form 40: 28-day suspension |
| GENERAL COMMENTS ON RACE MEETING | | | | |
| Include: Breaks, Mark Changes & Other | <p>70m Men – Heat 1: Misha Lizoguboff did not arrive in time to run in his scheduled heat. Due to a scratching in Heat 3, Misha was permitted to run in that heat. Athlete was advised by the Chief Steward that failure to not be on time and miss his allocated heat could result in a possible disqualification or fine.</p> <p>120m U/18 Girls – Heat 2: Anya Horgan ran under 'Target Time' by 0.235sec. Handicapper Shane Grimwade spoke to Chief Steward and was decided to re-handicap her from 16m to 15m for the final. Coach & athlete advised by Handicapper Kevin McAnaney (on behalf of Shane Grimwade) with Chief Steward.</p> <p>120m Over 35 – Heat 2: Anne Marie Mouri Nkeng broke at the start and was penalised 1m and re-handicapped from 26.5m to 25.5m.</p> | | | |

70m U/14 – Final:

- 1) David Hartogh-Jennings scratched from the final due to a leg injury sustained in the heat (refer 'Athlete Injuries').
- 2) Five athletes ran under 'Target Time' in their respective heat.
- 3) Four athletes ran under 'Target Time' in the final. Review of handicaps for any necessary adjustment to be actioned by the Handicapper.

70m Women – Final:

- 1) 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.
- 2) All athletes ran a quicker time in the final than in their heat.

70m Men – Final:

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

120m U/18 Girls – Final: First three placegetters ran under 'Target Time' in the final. Review of handicaps for any necessary adjustment to be actioned by the Handicapper.

120m U/18 Boys – Final: Two athletes ran under 'Target Time' in the final. Review of handicaps for any necessary adjustment to be actioned by the Handicapper.

120m Over 35 – Final:

- 1) Three athletes ran quicker times in the final compared to their heat.
- 2) Two athletes ran a slower time in the final compared to their heat.

120m Men – Heat 3: Dylan Boyce suffered a leg injury (possible hamstring), stumbled and fell during the race. He was able to finish the race to the best of his ability (refer 'Athlete Injuries').

1000m Women/Over 35 – Straight Final: One athlete, being the winner ran under 'Target Time' by 3.11sec for the event. Review of handicap for any necessary adjustment to be actioned by the Handicapper.

120m Women – Semi Final 1: Claire Hardy scratched from the event due to a foot injury (refer 'Athlete Injuries').

300m Women's Over 30 - Heats 1 & 2: Due to scratchings in the two heats, it was decided by the Chief Steward to combine the athletes remaining into a straight final at the scheduled program time.

300m U/18 Girls – Straight Final: First four placegetters ran under 'Target Time' in the final. Review of handicaps for any necessary adjustment to be actioned by the Handicapper.

300m U/18 Boys – Final:

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

300m Women's Over 30 – 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.

300m Men's – Final: First four athletes ran under 'Target Time' in both heat and final. Review of handicaps for any necessary adjustment to be actioned by the Handicapper.

1000m Men – Straight Final:

- 1) 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.
- 2) Toby Cook ran significantly below expected level. Finished 2nd last year off 45m running 2:30.43. Given a 5m lift this year and ran 2:44.26. This equates 13.83sec slower (85m) slower. Only mitigating factor is he ran 300m heat & final (finishing 2nd in the final) which was just prior the 1000m. He did notify Steward Phil Daws he would be trying to run at his best. Athlete under watch for future performances.
- 3) Oliver Burge was having his first attempt at the distance, however, was approx. 23sec slower (120m) slower than expected. Did also run 300m heat & final just prior the 1km which would have contributed to decreased performance. He did also notify Steward Phil Daws he would be trying to run at his best. Athlete under watch for future performances.

CHIEF STEWARD RECOMMENDATION

We had an incident occur in Heat 3 of the 120m Men's Gift where Dylan Boyce appeared to have suffered a serious hamstring injury which had him lay on the track after the finish line for some time before being attended to.

As SAAL had no medical equipment to have him carried off the ground, he had to be hand assisted which could have resulted in Dylan doing possible further damage to his injury.

It is the recommendation of the Chief Steward, the League **purchase** a suitable lightweight stretcher to be on hand for incidents of similar nature in the future.



| ATHLETE ADVISORIES | Athlete | Race | Athlete Comment | Steward Response |
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| | Hayden Petherick | 70m Men | Athlete asked permission to wear sunglasses whilst competing. | Permission granted by the Chief Steward. |
| | David Wilczek | 300m Men - Over 35 | Athlete e-mailed his injury clearance certificate to run for which he received a 28day suspension from the Camden meet. | Clearance accepted by the Chief Steward. |
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