



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

Meeting Name:	<i>MARION GIFT CARNIVAL</i>
Date:	<i>SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER 2025</i>
Weather Conditions:	Fine and warm, 18-19.8C degrees (South Westerly 43kmh)
Track Conditions:	SATISFACTORY FOR SEASON OPENER!
Report Prepared By:	CHRIS DIMITRAK (CHIEF STEWARD)
Conduct of Meeting:	A Strong Start to the Season! Our first professional athletic meeting of the season delivered an exciting day of competition, with 53 races held, including some fantastic finals in all categories, and 4 Victorian runners raced also at the meeting! A lot of our junior athletes have clearly been busy over the long, cold winter... many of them have shot up (literally!) and seriously, look stronger, faster, and ready for big things this season! It's always terrific to welcome the Mayor KRIS HANNA of Marion Council – we truly appreciate their ongoing support of the sport. As with any early-season meet, a few small items popped up but rest assured – we'll be all over them as the season gains full momentum for 2025/2026. A big thank you to all athletes, officials, handicappers and supporters for making it such a successful start!

ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE (None Issued)

NAP – (Non Approved Performance)	Athlete	Race	Reason	Notes/ penalty

UP – (Unacceptable Performance) Refer to the SAAL Handicap guidelines for definitions of UP	Athlete	Race	Reason	Notes/penalty
			☐ Unacceptable Improvement ☐ Unacceptable time ☐ Lack of effort ☐ Racing tactics ☐ Other	
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ATHLETE INJURIES	Athlete	Race	Injury	Notes/penalty
	Zoe Papanotis	120m W F	Injured hamstring	28 Days
	Gman Paye	300m M F	Reported illness. Withdrew from final of 300m Men	7 Days

GENERAL COMMENTS ON RACE MEETING : 23 scratching's over the afternoon				
Include: Breaks, Injuries & Mark Changes	Breaks 70m Under U14 – Heat 2 - Noah Charlesworth 300m Women - Heat 1 - Samantha Lee Pols 1600m Open Final - Zade Kretschmer Mark Changes 300m Under 14 - Fergus Sellick was pulled back from 68 to 58 metres for both the heat and final. Other 800m U18 - Timing malfunction no time taken			
ATHLETE ADVISORIES	Athlete	Race	Athlete comment	Steward response