CHIEF STEWARD'S REPORT SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE	
Meeting Name:	BURNSIDE ATHLETIC CARNIVAL
Date:	SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2025
Weather Conditions:	Fine & Sunny (Day: 30-28 degrees)
Track Conditions:	Sprint (70m/120m): VERY GOOD Circular (350m): VERY GOOD
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Conduct of Meeting:	This year marked SAAL's **10 years** of holding our race meetings **at Kensington** — a decade of partnership at a venue steeped in history, tradition and community spirit. A huge thank you to **Jenny Poole** for managing all logistics so seamlessly and working brilliantly with **Burnside Council** to deliver an outstanding program of **60 races** to celebrate the occasion! We also wanted to acknowledge the **KENSINGTON ATHLETIC CLUB** for their generous race sponsorship and their terrific volunteer support on the barbecue — contributions that genuinely added to the success of the day. What made the day special, was the **City of Burnside** proudly celebrating the **150th anniversary** of the original oval, most of us know it as **Olympic Sports Field / Kensington Oval.** Featuring a Heritage Zone marquee with 150 years of photos and memories, a self-guided heritage walking trail, and a kids' activity and colouring area, these festivities tied in perfectly with our annual **Burnside Athletic Carnival**, highlighted by the iconic **Kensington Gift 120metre Men and Women's**, these races were outstanding! A sincere thank you once again, to everyone involved — the City of Burnside, volunteers, officials, clubs, athletes, families and supporters!

ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE			
(NAP) - Non Approved Performance	**Athlete**	**Race/Reason**	**Penalty**
	Please refer to the SAAL Handicap guidelines for definitions of NAP		
UP – (Unacceptable Performance)	**Please refer to the SAAL Handicap guidelines for definitions of UP**		
Injuries/Race Information	LIAM MOSS	The athlete let Chief Steward know they were having trouble with both adductors and some cramping after heat 5 of the 120 metres men race, it was granted.	**28 days (14 days with medical certificate to race again)**
	TOMAS SEMMLER	The athlete advised the Chief Steward they'd been dealing with a cold/virus during the week and chose to withdraw from the Kensington Gift Final 120metre, it was granted.	**7 days**
	ASHER GILLINGS	Broke in the 550metre Heat 1 (taken back mandatory 2 metres) **13.15 Injury/illness – Automatic Disqualification** Any athlete who sustains an injury or illness or does not complete the whole of the distance of the race during an event which prevents him from running to the best of his/her ability or is unable to take his/her place in a semi-final or final for similar reasons, shall incur an automatic suspension of 28 days. The use of a medical practitioner may be used at the discretion of the Chief Steward to substantiate the claim of injury or illness. In determining the 28 days, the day on which the injury occurred is counted as day one. Return to competition may be permitted by the Chief Steward after 7 days if due to illness or 14 days if due to injury. In both cases the production of a suitable medical practitioner's or similar certificate is required and or a satisfactory trial by the athlete in the presence of the Chief Steward or his/her nominee.	

General Comments	Overall, a terrific athletic day run in great spirit, with very good quality and depth on show, as we sit just over a month out from the premier **2 Day - Bay Sheffield Carnival.** In total there were 39 scratching's, but after a deeper review it's clear the larger-than-usual program made it challenging for some athletes to back up across multiple events once progressing through heats. We acknowledge this and will look at refinements moving forward to further support athlete participation in more events where possible. Our starting area did a brilliant job all day, running to time and assisting athletes onto their marks with professionalism and care. They also identified that the 120-metre marks for the three heats of the Under 14 120-metre event were out by one metre. The handicapper will keep this reference in mind moving forward.	