



| CHIEF STEWARD'S REPORT<br>SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Meeting Name:                                              | <b>WESTERN ATHLETICS CLUB GIFT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Date:                                                      | Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Weather Conditions:                                        | Cold and Wet Day: Minimum 14C /High 23 C – Predominantly South West Winds 15-25kmph                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Track Conditions:                                          | Sprint (70m): GOOD (raced from lane 2) Circular (400m): Good (raced from lane 2)<br>Headwind into the straight                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Report Prepared By:                                        | CHIEF STEWARD CHRIS DIMITRAK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Conduct of Meeting:                                        | <p>We can only describe Sunday's race meeting....as <b>"ONE OF A KIND"</b>— a day packed with twists, turns and a few wild weather surprises. Huge credit to everyone for showing patience and grit on a wet, windy/gusty type of afternoon.</p> <p>A massive thank you to <b>WESTERN ATHLETICS/LITTLE ATHLETICS</b>, especially to Debbie Meich, Jenny Cotter, Gaetano/Jane Aiello and Holly Beecham – very well organised and their hospitality was second to none!</p> <p>Also, all the Little Athletes especially the ones making their SAAL debut...terrific to see the young ones jump in with such enthusiasm and really enjoying the race competition on the day!</p> <p>Special mention goes out to Gordon, Liberato and Chief Judge Denis for keeping everything moving in the "engine room" under trying conditions. To all stewards, your communication was robust, prompt and professional as we continue to find efficiency across all areas on race day heading towards the busy Carnivals.</p> <p>While we realise it was "not the norm," merging so many heats on the fly, it was fantastic to see the maturity and understanding shown by athletes (all age categories) in adapting to merged heats and finals — we commend you on the attitude displayed, well done!</p> <p>Ultimately, we're all here to create a race-day experience athletes enjoy competing in — because when we get that right, they will tell their friends and keep coming back for more pro-running.</p> |



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| <b>ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE</b>             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |                |
| <b>(NAP) - Non Approved Performance</b> | <b>Athlete</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Race/Reason</b>    | <b>Penalty</b> |
|                                         | Please refer to the SAAL Handicap guidelines for definitions of NAP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |                |
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| <b>UP – (Unacceptable Performance)</b>  | Please refer to the SAAL Handicap guidelines for definitions of UP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |                |
| <b>Injuries</b>                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |                |
| <b>70 METRE MENS FINAL</b>              | ANJO CUSTODIO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | LEFT HAMSTRING INJURY | 28 days        |
| <b>General Comments</b>                 | <b>A break was identified in the 70m MEN Final.</b><br>Pursuant to Rule 11.5 (False or Unfair Start or Break): <i>“The Chief Steward shall have the authority to order a re-run in circumstances where a false or unfair start or break occurs and the offence is not detected by the Starter.”</i> |                       |                |

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|  | <p>The break went undetected by the Starter, though it was observed by 2 supporting stewards and confirmed by video review.</p> <p>Therefore, Hayden Petherick had unfair break, was moved back the mandatory 0.5 metres for the RE-RUN of FINAL, that happened in 7-8 minutes after initial break was called.</p> <p><b>Would like to acknowledge Hayden responded calmly and accepted the Stewards' decision with understanding.</b></p> <p><b>70 Novice Heat 1 – Austin Botha – Break.</b><br/><b><i>300m Over 35 – The handicapper pulled Ross Hill Brown 10m for the final 180 to 170m.</i></b></p> |  |
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