



<b>CHIEF STEWARD'S REPORT SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE</b>			
<b>Meeting Name:</b>	<b>BRIGHTON GIFT CARNIVAL</b>		
<b>Date:</b>	FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY 2026		
<b>Weather Conditions:</b>	VERY HOT – ESPECIALLY at 5PM till 7.45p.m.– 37celsius / (NIL WIND!)		
<b>Track Conditions:</b>	Sprint (100m): GOOD    Circular (315m): GOOD		
<b>Report Prepared By:</b>	CHIEF STEWARD - CHRIS DIMITRAK		
<b>Conduct of Meeting:</b>	<p>In extreme hot conditions early, the 2026 calendar year commenced with the <b>Brighton Gift Carnival</b>, run in twilight conditions following the huge Bay Sheffield Carnival. Forty races were contested, with a sincere thank you to the athletes, coaches and officials for supporting this Carnival.</p> <p>Congratulations and sincere thanks to everyone from the <b>Brighton Rugby Club</b>, along with Kym Steer and Mark Burns, for their efforts in ensuring we delivered a great race meeting for all involved.</p> <p>Interesting enough, I spoke with several coaches who reinforced how important meetings like this are in the season for their athletes' development (<i>we can't all win over the 2 days at the Bay Sheffield!</i>).</p> <p>It's a strong reminder of the value these carnivals bring, and why we must continue to support them wherever possible.</p>		
<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		
<b>UP – (Unacceptable Performance)</b>	Please refer to the SAAL Handicap guidelines for definitions of UP		



<b>Injuries</b>			
<b>General Comments</b>	<p>The feature races of the evening did not disappoint, with both the Women’s 100 metre final and Men’s 100 metre finals extremely well contested. Congratulations to <b>Ashlee Munt</b> for a strong win in the <b>Women’s final</b>, with <b>Olivia</b> and <b>Tahlia</b> charging home impressively. The <b>Men’s 100 metre final</b> delivered plenty of excitement also, with a back marker on 5 metres and a front marker on 7.5 metres creating a brilliant start for this race (2.5metre spread).</p> <p><b>Jason Weah</b> ran superbly, not much separated 2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> with <b>Joseph</b> holding out <b>Blake</b> and the crowd thoroughly enjoyed being able to get up close to the action, adding to the atmosphere and excitement of the evening!</p> <p>Unfortunately, we did experience technical issues on the night, with the wind gauge not operational and basically electronic timer issues affecting the camera system.</p> <p>As a result, race times were recorded electronically via iPad. The volunteers responsible did a very good job managing this process throughout the evening.</p> <p><u>Hand Timed Events</u>              800m women              800m men              400m Under 14 heat 2              400m under 18 boys heat 3</p> <p>For some, this was the first time they used the iPad system for timing and given the holiday season and being four officials short, everyone involved stepped up and worked together to ensure the meeting ran as smoothly as possible!</p>		

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

