

South Australian Athletic League Committee Nominations 2026

President

Kym Steer is the sole nomination for the position of South Australian Athletic League President and will be elected formally at the AGM.

Committee Members

We are happy to announce that we have had five nominations for the SAAL Committee Members positions. Please review the nominations attached and be prepared to vote in your Committee at our AGM.

- Shane Bewry
- Tony Day
- Chris Dimitrak
- Frank Mchugh
- Jordi McMillan

NAME OF CANDIDATE: Shane Bewry

As the parent of an athlete who has competed in both under 18 and open races over the past five seasons, I have developed a strong appreciation for the role SAAL plays in creating meaningful competitive opportunities, building community connection and supporting the ongoing development of athletics in South Australia. Since being elected to the Committee in 2023, I have valued the opportunity to contribute to the organisation and I am keen to continue supporting its future direction, growth and sustainability.

Professionally, I was a senior commercial executive and have extensive experience across domestic and international business environments. This background has given me strong capability in strategy, governance, commercial decision-making, organisational planning and leading teams. I believe these skills can assist SAAL as it continues to strengthen its operating model, and ensure it remains well positioned to serve athletes, clubs, sponsors, officials and the wider athletics community.

I am particularly interested in contributing to the culture of SAAL by helping foster an environment that is inclusive, respectful, progressive and focused on the experience of all participants

I enjoy the sense of community that SAAL provides, and I would welcome the opportunity to continue applying my business experience, leadership skills and community focus to make a positive and constructive contribution as a Committee Member.

PROPOSED BY: Kym Steer

SECONDED BY: Jenny Poole

NAME OF CANDIDATE: Anthony (Tony) Day

I would like to be considered for a position on the committee for a two-year term, with a focus solely on commercial activities. My intention is to contribute by securing sponsorship opportunities, strengthening SAAL's commercial position, and helping to increase awareness of the sport to support its growth.

I am not seeking involvement in day-to-day operational matters or athletic decision-making, and would prefer my role to remain focused on commercial and sponsorship initiatives.

PROPOSED BY: Kym Steer

SECONDED BY: Jordi McMillan

NAME OF CANDIDATE: Chris Dimitrak

I would like to be considered for a position on the Management Committee of SAAL for the season of 2026/2027!

As I enter my 19th year with SAALeague, I bring extensive experience across multiple facets of the sport as a veteran runner (commenced at 46 years of age), volunteer on race day, veteran's handicapper for 3 seasons and more responsibilities in the last 3-4 seasons.

This long-standing involvement has provided me with a strong understanding of race operations, athlete engagement and the importance of maintaining the League's traditions while embracing future exciting opportunities.

Working background:

Throughout my professional career, I have developed strengths in building and maintaining effective business relationships, identifying funding opportunities and contributing innovative ideas that support sustainable growth.

I have experience working collaboratively with a broad range of stakeholders (example of that have been 20 years in Tennis and Western Districts Athletics) and understand the value of clear communication, strategic thinking and practical hands-on problem-solving, to get the job done!

I am passionate about giving back to a sport that has provided me with so much fun as a mature age athlete and not to forget my youngest daughter involvement who competed 4-5 seasons!

This combination of operational knowledge, industry experience and commitment to the running community, I believe will allow me to make a small contribution to the Management Committee Team, who continue to work hard to improve our sport.

PROPOSED BY: Gaetano Aiello

SECONDED BY: Debbie Meich

NAME OF CANDIDATE: Frank Mchugh

My involvement with the League as an athlete, coach, carnival coordinator, committee member, and Trustee of the Mort Daly Running Foundation has given me a broad and well-rounded understanding of the organisation and its needs. This experience allows me to represent members' interests from multiple perspectives and contribute to the ongoing health and success of the League. I am strongly committed to ensuring that the Committee's decisions support the League's long-term financial sustainability, and I also continue to provide support through the Carnival Programming Subcommittee.

Over the past 12 months, I have played an active role in helping to establish the Mt Barker Gift in collaboration with the local committee. I work with Crystal Brook on the Classic and track marking. In addition, I have worked closely with the SAAL Management Committee to explore and promote initiatives that will strengthen and safeguard the League's future, particularly through strategic investment and long-term planning.

My interest in the League is grounded in more than 50 years of involvement, during which I have witnessed both its challenges and its successes. I am seeking to continue on the Management Committee so I can help see through the establishment of an investment fund for the future, which I believe will provide important long-term stability and security for the League. I remain passionate about contributing to a strong, sustainable future for the organisation and its members.

PROPOSED BY: Hayden Rothe

SECONDED BY: Hettie Driscoll

NAME OF CANDIDATE: Jordan (Jordi) McMillan

My name is Jordi McMillan, and I would like to re-run for another 2-year block on the SAAL Management Committee. Over the last two years, I have brought in both a young and fresh mindset, as well as the athlete driven outlook, bringing ideas to the league that both allow us to grow, whilst also assisting with the enjoyment of the athletes.

Over the last two years, I have been working in people management, and learning how to run a team effectively, whilst also delivering on business needs for my company. It has taught me a lot about balance and also introduced me to a large number of new business areas I've also had some space away from competing to focus on my overall health and wellbeing. I'm proud that I could recognise this yet still stay involved in the community as much as I could whilst also supporting my family on the side in my time away.

An idea I would love to tackle that is close to my heart is Mental Health, but not just for athletes, for coaches, volunteers, officials, committee, parents, and everyone involved. I have been a Mental Health First Aider for the last 2 years and it has taught me a lot about the signs, support and resources people may need. Over my time, I have been involved in and witnessed things that I think we could be better I would love to be able to bring in some resources, as well as help spread awareness for mental health awareness across our community, as it truly is something more people are affected by than we think. I want to make sure we put a focus on being better through the 26/27 and 27/27 seasons, ensuring we show the best possible support for everyone within our community.

I would also love to continue to ensure that athletes voices are heard, and that we have a perspective in decision making whilst also having input for the ever changing and ever-growing expectations of sports around the world. I would love to explore some fresh ideas and focus on *how we can stand out compared to others*. I think there are still so many things we can modernise and make better, and I'm all ears to any new suggestions members may have and I would love to be a voice to back you.

If this is something you feel is key in the growth of our league, I would love to stand by our community and back us into the best of my abilities!

PROPOSED BY: Kym Steer

SECONDED BY: Shane Grimwade