



CHIEF STEWARD'S REPORT SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE			
Meeting Name:	Camden Classic Carnival		
Date:	Sunday 4 th February 2024		
Weather Conditions:	Fine & Hot (35 – 37 degrees)		
Track Conditions:	Sprint (120m): Excellent Circular (400m): Excellent		
Report Prepared By:	Trevor Mules		
Conduct of Meeting:	<p>Congratulations to athletes who in hot and trying conditions were successful in making it onto the presentation dais.</p> <p>The performances of all athletes was at a competitive spirit and plenty of exciting finishes were witnessed by all who were in attendance.</p> <p>Huge credit and thank you to Frank McHugh, his stable and everyone who assisted on the day to make it a great spectacle.</p>		
ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE			
UP – (Unacceptable Performance)	Athlete	Race/Reason	Penalty
	Please refer to the SAAL Handicap guidelines for definitions of UP		
	Harry Kowal	400m Camden Classic Final – For a substantial improvement in performance of approximately 27.16 metres from his Brighton run on 16/12/23 to his heat and final run at Camden. After receiving a response from the Coach, the Stewards Team collaboratively decided on a decision.	UP and 10% of 1 st Place prizemoney



NAP – (Non Approved Performance)	Please refer to the SAAL Handicap guidelines for definitions of NAP		
ATHLETE INJURIES	Athlete	Reason	Action Taken
120 Metre U/18 Boys – Heat 2	Oliver Sibbick	Explained he injured his foot prior to the day and advised it was sore to run on. Chief Steward suggested he scratch from his next event to prevent any further soreness.	14 days suspension plus a medical certificate of clearance for Loxton

<p>GENERAL COMMENTS</p>	<p>120m Under 18 Girls – Heats 1 & 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoe Papanotis and Tully Allen as fastest qualifiers for the final recorded the same time of 14.628 in their respective heat. After a decision by the Chief Judge and Chief Steward that a run off would be required by the 2 athletes, Zoe decided to withdraw as she was also competing in the heats of the 120m Women’s event as well. <p>120m Under 18 Boys – Heat 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was observed by Steward Chris Dimitrak that Oliver Sibbick appeared to be limping after his heat. Before the Chief Steward was able to investigate if an injury was sustained, Oliver and his coach Anne Marie Mouri Nkeng approached the both of us to explain Oliver’s run. His explanation was accepted but the Chief Steward suggested he scratch from his next event to prevent any further soreness to his foot. (refer comments in Injuries section) <p>120m Under 14 – Heat 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tyler Schmitt broke at the start and was given a 1m penalty from 20m to 19m. To his credit he was still able to win the heat to make the final. <p>400m Over 35 – Heats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a program alteration made from ‘Winners only progress to the final plus next 2 fastest overall to ‘plus next 6 fastest overall’. <p>400m Under 18 Girls – Heat 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the running of the heat and the time declared it was brought to the attention of the Chief Judge by a coach that the time couldn’t have been correct at 66.6sec. After investigation the Chief Judge advised there was a system error and the race on the iPad had not been saved therefore the time couldn’t be checked. He could only go by what time the system recorded. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chief Steward suggested moving forward that all races and times be saved on the iPad for that purpose and removed at the conclusion of the meet. <p>As a result, the other runners excluding the winner were disadvantaged for possible fastest times to progress to the final.</p> <p>400m Women Consolation – Final</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leila Croker withdrew from participating in the final due to heat issues. Handicapper advised for the interim not to lift her mark. Carys Kinsella-White also withdrew from the final due to illness. Handicapper advised for the interim not to lift her mark. Taylah Parker broke at the start and was given a 2m penalty from 24m to 22m. <p>400m Men Consolation – Final</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toby Cook withdrew from the final due to illness. <p>800m Novice – Straight Final</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Darcy Brown broke at the start and was given a 3m penalty from 80m to 77m. <p>400m Camden Classic – Final</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luke Rigby advised the Chief Steward he was interfered with by another athlete at the top of the back straight in the run. The athlete did state it wouldn't have affected the outcome of the result. The stewards reviewed the I-pad footage instantly and concluded insufficient evidence was found. The Chief Steward later reviewed the video footage supplied by the League and found there was minimal interference to further investigate the matter. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coach (Peter Burdett) and athlete (Harry Kowal) were advised after the presentation, that under SAAL Management Committee direction an investigation would take place on any improved performances of the event. Harry was found to have run an improved performance of some 27.16 metres. (refer comments in UP section)	
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