



CHIEF STEWARD'S REPORT SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE			
Meeting Name:	Nippy's Loxton Gift Carnival		
Date:	Saturday 24 th February 2024 (Twilight Meeting)		
Weather Conditions:	Fine & Sunny (28 degrees)		
Track Conditions:	Sprint (70m/120m): Good Circular (398m): Good		
Report Prepared By:	Trevor Mules		
Conduct of Meeting:	<p>Congratulations to athletes who were successful in making it onto the presentation dais. The competitiveness of athletes was at a high level and some great finishes and individual performances were witnessed by the excellent numbers who were in attendance.</p> <p>A huge thank you to the Loxton Gift Committee for their continued support and hospitality, all who went up to Loxton on the Friday for set up and everyone who assisted on the day to make it a successful carnival.</p>		
ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE			
NAP – (Non Approved Performance)	Athlete	Race/Reason	Penalty
	Please refer to the SAAL Handicap guidelines for definitions of NAP		
	Sam Sibbick	300m Under 18 Boys: Final - Improved performance from heat to final of 1.52sec (7.77mps) which is equivalent to 11.81 metres.	Both athletes under review by Handicapper
	Oliver Sibbick	300m Under 18 Boys: Final - Improved performance from heat to final of 2.52sec (7.52mps) which is equivalent to 18.95 metres.	
	Jane Dinan	300m Women: Heats/Final – Failure to get approval to run after qualifying for the 120m Final. Also, the expected time variance from semi-final to final not met (+0.32sec).	Review by Handicapper

NAP – continued	Anya Horgan	120m Under 18 Girls: Final – Anya Horgan running off a handicap of 19m ran a time of 14.41sec and consequently broke target time marginally. Her previous time off the same handicap at the Camden Classic (4/2/24) was 14.75sec. This equates to an improved performance of approx. 4 metres.	Review by Handicapper
UP – (Unacceptable Performance)	Athlete	Race/Reason	Penalty
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	Imogen Nobbs	300m Women Over 30: Straight Final – For a substantial improvement in performance of approximately 13.27 metres from her last run and subsequently breaking target time by 2.01sec	UP and fine of \$25 from 1 st Place prizemoney
ATHLETE INJURIES	Athlete	Reason	Action Taken
GENERAL COMMENTS	<p>70m Under 14 – Final</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack Combe was applied a ½ metre penalty from 4m to 3.5m due to breaking at the start. It was noted by the Chief Steward, 4 athletes ran slower times from heat to final and to be monitored by the handicapper. <p>300m Women Over 30 – Straight Final</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imogen Nobbs broke target time by 2.01sec and ran 6.6mps which was equivalent to a significant improvement of some 13.27 metres from her previous run. (refer comments in UP section) 		

	<p>120m Under 18 Girls - Final</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anya Horgan running off a handicap of 19m ran a time of 14.41sec and consequently broke target time marginally. Her previous time off the same handicap at the Camden Classic (4/2/24) was 14.75sec. This equates to an improved performance of approx. 4 metres. <p>120m Women – Heat 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kayla Lemm was spoken to by Steward Phil Daws as in his opinion failed to run the race out and should have won the heat. <p>300m Under 18 Girls – Straight Final</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anya Horgan after her 120 Metre Under 18 Girls victory was re-handicapped from 48m to 43m (5m win penalty). <p>300m Under 18 Boys – Heat 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was noted by both Stewards, Zac Kinley finished 9.19sec behind the winner. As the athlete is currently eligible for Under 14 level a lift may be considered when competing at this level and distance moving forward. <p>300m Under 18 Boys – Final</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was noted by the Chief Steward, 3 athletes ran under target time from heat to final and to be monitored by the handicapper.• It was also noted that Sam and Oliver Sibbick had improved performances from heat to final of 11.81 metres and 18.95 metres respectively. (refer comments in NAP section)	
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300m Men's – Final

- It was noted by the Chief Steward, John Evans ran 1.08sec slower from heat (33.71sec) to final (34.79sec). This is equivalent to 8.73 metres. Consistency in performance is the common denominator.

Action: Caution (Handicapper to place hold on handicap)

300m Over 35 – Final

- Tim Noblet was questioned by both Stewards after James Grant appealed for alleged interference coming into the home straight and restricting his run. Stewards referred to the SAAL video footage it was apparent interference was made after explanations provided by Tim both Stewards agreed to apply a suspended sanction of \$25 subject to no violation of the '2 metre ruling before taking ground in front of his/her opponent' (Rule 16.1) occurring again until the end of the SAAL 2024/2025 season.

120m Women's – Final

- After qualifying for the 300m Women's Final, the question was asked by Jade Dinan as to what time expectation was required for the sprint final. Unfortunately, this was not asked of directly to the Chief Steward, however, it was advised by the Overseer of Women's Handicapping her run was to be close to her semi-final time. This was not achieved as her time was 0.32sec slower than her semi-final.

Action: NAP issued by Chief Steward for time requirement not achieved

120m Men's – Final

- After qualifying for the 120 Men's Final, Aidan Murphy approached the Chief Steward for approval to run in the 300m event as the heats and final were to be run before the sprint final. Permission was granted with a requirement to be met, in that he performs within 0.2 sec of his semi-final time of 12.72sec for the 120m. Aidan accepted this and after running heat and final of the 300m he met the requirement and ran a time of 12.78sec.

NEXT MEETING – Henley Gift Carnival (Sunday 3rd March)

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