



<b>CHIEF STEWARD'S REPORT SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE</b>			
Meeting Name:	Henley Gift Carnival		
Date:	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2024		
Weather Conditions:	Fine & Sunny (22 degrees)		
Track Conditions:	Sprint (70m): Good    Circular (390m): Good		
Report Prepared By:	Trevor Mules		
Conduct of Meeting:	<p>Congratulations to athletes who were successful in making it onto the presentation dais.</p> <p>Performances by athletes were in a competitive spirit and some good finishes were witnessed by all who attended the meet.</p> <p>A huge thank you to the Western Athletics Club and everyone who assisted on the day to make it a successful carnival.</p>		
<b>ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE</b>			
<b>NAP – (Non Approved Performance)</b>	<b>Athlete</b>	<b>Race/Reason</b>	<b>Penalty</b>
	<b>Please refer to the SAAL Handicap guidelines for definitions of NAP</b>		
<b>UP – (Unacceptable Performance)</b>	<b>Please refer to the SAAL Handicap guidelines for definitions of UP</b>		
<b>ATHLETE INJURIES</b>	<b>Athlete</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>

<p><b>GENERAL COMMENTS</b></p>	<p><b><u>CHIEF STEWARD'S COMMENTS</u></b></p> <p>Following a post event review of the times recorded for both the 800m and 1600m events, the Chief Steward and Steward measured the circular track. The track was found to be 390m and not 400m. A further check of the track was undertaken following the event which confirmed the track was short. SAAL administration has requested that at all future meets two officials must check all the track measurements before races commence irrespective of advice received on track length.</p> <p>As a result of this error, the times for both the 800m and 1600m races have been removed from the SAAL database for handicap assessment. The VAL has been advised of the situation with regard to the races.</p> <p><b><u>DECISION OF NON-PENALTY MEETING</u></b></p> <p>The Henley Gift meeting has been declared by SAAL as a non-penalty meeting. The winners of each event will not be penalised with their current handicap marks.</p> <p><b>70m Under 14 – Heat 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gisele Grims who missed competing in Heat 2 was included in Heat 4 by the Chief Steward due to a scratching by the backmarker in red.</li></ul> <p><b>70m Over 35 – Heats 1-3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Due to race time not recorded for Heat 1 it was declared 'The first 2 runners only to progress to the final'.</li></ul> <p><b>70m Over 35 – Heat 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• David Palmer was spoken to by the Chief Steward for not running the race out although still qualifying for the final.</li></ul>	
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### **70m Women – Heat 3**

- Samantha-Lee Pols advised the Chief Steward before the meeting commenced that she had some tightness in her leg. She was able to win her heat and advised she had pulled up fine.

### **1600m Open – Straight Final**

- It was noted by the Chief Steward the time announced for James Grant's run of 4:04.85sec broke SAAL's 'Target Time'. However, after discussion with the Coach and Athlete the time posted could not have been correct given James had received a win penalty of 35m from his Camden run.

**Action: Chief Steward declared times by athletes to be disregarded for future handicaps.**

### **70m Under 14 – Final**

- It was noted by the Chief Steward one athlete broke 'Target Time' and Handicapper to review before the commencement of next season.

### **70m Under 18 Girls – Final**

- It was noted by the Chief Steward 5 athletes broke 'Target Time' and Handicapper to review before the commencement of next season.

### **200m Novice – Heats 1-3**

- The following athletes were given permission by the Chief Steward to not use blocks for their heats:
  - Kimberley Butler
  - Hannah Elliott

	<p><b>200m Women – Heat 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Having her first run for the season from ACL surgery, Tigerlily Kovacic was concerned with the state of the track in the red lane. She was given permission by the Chief Steward to run in the green lane due to a scratching.</li></ul> <p><b>200m Women – Heat 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The following athlete was given permission by the Chief Steward to not use blocks for their heat: - Lauren McHugh</li></ul> <p><b>800m Women – Straight Final</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chief Steward declared times by athletes to be disregarded for future handicaps.</li></ul> <p><b>800m Men – Straight Final</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chief Steward declared times by athletes to be disregarded for future handicaps.</li></ul>	
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