



CHIEF STEWARD'S REPORT SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE			
Meeting Name:	137 th Bay Sheffield Carnival – Day 2		
Date:	Thursday 28 th December 2023		
Weather Conditions:	Mostly Cloudy (Day: 26-30 degrees) / (Night: 22 degrees with expected thunderstorms)		
Track Conditions:	Sprint (120m): Good - Headwind Circular (320m): Good – Headwind into the straight		
Report Prepared By:	Trevor Mules		
Conduct of Meeting:	<p>Congratulations to athletes who were successful to win an event/s and collect their sash for victory on the day.</p> <p>The performances by all athletes was of a highly competitive spirit and some fantastic finishes were witnessed by all who were in attendance.</p> <p>A huge thank you to everyone who assisted on the day to make it a successful day.</p>		
ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE			
(NAP) - Non Approved Performance	Athlete	Race/Reason	Penalty
	Please refer to the SAAL Handicap guidelines for definitions of NAP		
	Oakley Nilsen	1 st : 550 Men's Final – Ran off 69m in 1:07.06 which broke 'Target Time' by nearly 3 seconds. His 1 st Place at Mort Daly only 10 days earlier off 70m was in 1:09.42. Chief Steward was of the view his penalty from the Mort Daly win was insufficient and is requesting a review of the handicap.	<i>Handicap Review</i>
	Tyler Gridley	2 nd : 1600 Men's Final – Ran off 130m in 4:07.24. His 1 st Place at Port Adelaide (19/11) he ran off the same mark but was not penalised by the handicapper for the win. Chief Steward was of the view that due to an oversight for this non-penalty Chief Steward is requesting a review of the handicap.	<i>Handicap Review</i>

	Athlete	Race/Reason	Penalty
UP – (Unacceptable Performance)	Please refer to the SAAL Handicap guidelines for definitions of UP		
	Greg Whitecross	1 st : 1600 Metre Over 35 Final – Athlete has been asked for an explanation for an improved performance beating ‘Target Time’ by 17 seconds in 4:23.04. He ran off the same mark (660m) at the Mort Daly Pre-Bay meet in 4:40.90. This is a substantial improvement of some 60.7m in 10 days. A unanimous decision was made amongst all four Stewards for a \$100 fine to be sanctioned.	<i>Fine - \$100 of prizemoney</i>
	Bennett Maxwell	1 st : 1600 Metre Men – Chief Steward spoke to the Coach for an explanation of his improved performance and as a result breaking ‘Target Time’ by 4½ seconds in 4:05.35. He ran off the same mark (265m) at Port Adelaide (19/11) in 4:19.14. His next run was at the Mort Daly Meet (17/12) in two 1600m events. His first run in the 1600m Women & Over 35 Final was a 3 rd Place in 4:33.18 off 170m. After a 2.75 hour break Bennett chose to run the 1600m Men’s event off 265m where he finished 12 th in a field of 14 in 4:43.15. This equates to approx. 38 seconds slower than his Bay Sheffield Carnival performance. At a race MPS of 5.44m/sec this is approx. a 200m improvement in 10 days. The Coach accepted the Chief Steward’s analysis and was advised a 20% fine of prizemoney be sanctioned.	<i>Fine – 20% of prizemoney</i>
Injuries			
120 Metre Women – Semi Final # 4	Grace Carter	Withdrew from the Semi-Final due to sustaining an injury.	<i>28 days</i>
120 Metre Backmarkers - Invitational	Liam Moss	Injury sustained during the race.	<i>28 days</i>
1600 Metre Women	Alyssa Hughes	Failure to finish the race.	<i>28 days</i>
120 Metre Men – Final	Cooper Williams	Withdrawn by the Chief Steward due to injury before the start of the Final.	<i>28 days</i>

<p>General Comments</p>		<p>1600m Over 35 – Straight Final</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted five athletes broke ‘Target Time’. Chief Steward is requesting the handicaps be reviewed by the Handicapper. • Chief Steward e-mailed Greg Whitecross for an explanation of his improved performance (refer UP Section for comments). <p>1600m Men – Straight Final</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted two athletes substantially broke ‘Target Time’. Chief Steward is requesting the handicaps reviewed by the Handicapper. • Chief Steward phoned Bennett Maxwell’s coach for an explanation about his improved performance and as a result breaking ‘Target Time’ by 4½ seconds. (refer UP Section for comments) <p>550m Men’s – Final</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted six athletes broke ‘Target Time’. Chief Steward is requesting the handicaps be thoroughly reviewed by the Handicapper. <p>120m Under 18 Girls – Final</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that five athletes broke ‘Target Time’ and all showed inconsistencies in time from Heat to Semi-Final to Final. Handicapper has assured the Chief Steward to monitor moving forward. <p>120m Under 18 Boys – Final</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that four athletes broke ‘Target Time’ and all showed inconsistencies in time from Heat to Semi-Final to Final. Chief Steward is requesting the handicaps to be monitored by the Handicapper moving forward. 	

	<p>1600m Women – Straight Final</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was noted three athletes broke ‘Target Time’. Chief Steward is requesting the handicaps be reviewed by the Handicapper. <p>120m Women – Final</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Stewarding Team recognises the significant improvement made by Ella Byrne and the time achieved which was well below target. It also notes that Ella has limited exposed form over the distance and that there was an appeal of the handicap on the basis that Ella would not break target time off her allocated mark.• After consideration of this the Chief Steward has issued a NAP for her performance which requires the handicapper to review her marks across all distances. <p><u>CHIEF STEWARD’S COMMENTS</u></p> <p>120m Men’s Semi Final – Redraw</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• After the conduct of the Heats and post initial allocation of the Semi Finals, the Chief Steward was approached by a Coach and asked to consider a redraw on the basis that three of his athletes were drawn in the same Semi. After consultation with the Chief Judge and the Assistant Steward, a decision was made to agree to this request.• After the conduct of the Semi Finals, it became apparent to me that whilst the redraw was done in good faith and with good intent, the redraw advanced two athletes of the Coaches’ Stable and disadvantaged another athlete (Corey Baker). In association with the League Executive we have determined that in future, system derived Semi Finals will <u>NOT</u> be changed under any circumstance.	
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	<p>Weather Interruption</p> <p>As the Bureau of Meteorology forecasted thunderstorms and lightning activity for the metropolitan area in the late afternoon the Chief Steward monitored the weather conditions from 4pm with the view of running having to be suspended if necessary.</p> <p>We were able to continue, until at 5.50pm the Chief Steward & Stewards agreed to suspend the meeting for 20 minutes due to lightning in the area and the running resumed at 6.15pm.</p>	
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