Meeting: Terang Gift, 1st December 2024

Weather: Very wet conditions with moderate winds.

Track: 400m grass track

Commentators: Ollie Wurm

Wind Gauge: Automatic

Starters: Rob McIntosh and Graeme Humphries

Photo Finish: Chloe Blennerhassett + Joe Spenceley

Results: Nila Blennerhassett

Stewards: Chief Richard Wearmouth, Chad Ryan & John Henry

Handicappers: Colin Lane, Jono Rogers & Kym McDonough

Official Media: Neil Jameson, Didier Le Miere & Sam & Max Blennerhassett

Colour Stewards: Di Tzilantonis

NAP's: refer to Stewards Report

Break:

INJURIES: 120m Masters Rob Mayston 14 days

LOT: Loss of Time 70m Open Isaac Malamatinas 120m Womens Grace Crowe .

OTR (Outside time Range): 70m Open Endale Mekonnen, Nicholas Antonino, Peter Biggs, Cam Dunbar, Chloe Kinnersley. 120m Mens Nicholas Antonino, Paul Tancredi, Lincoln Barnes, Mo Zeed, Rory Nunn, Cam Dunbar, Jack O'Dea, Maki Loukeris, Chris Byron. 120m Womens Megan Blair, Chloe Kinnersley, Liv Ryan, Kelsie Roberts, Tiana Shillito. 300m Masters Martin Armour, Tony Martin, Paul Tancredi, David Gill, Dean MacLennan, Chris Brown. 400m Men Jack O'Dea, Dion Paull, Lincoln Barnes, Connor Callinan. 1600m Open Tristan Courts. 800m Open Rory Nunn & Isabella Antonino.

<u>Stewards Notes from the day</u>: Congratulations to the Terang Athletic Club and well done to Ken and crew for all their hard work for the running of the Terang Gift.

Three interstate stables spoke to Stewards and handicappers about changed race times and their inability to run if they progressed. We decided that while it was not an ideal situation there would be no sanction if the athletes progressed further as it was not their fault that there was such a race time change.

While these were extenuating circumstances it should be noted in future if athletes run in heats they are expected to run in semis and finals if they progress further otherwise there will be heavy sanctions.

Liv Ryan after a poor run in the Womens 400m was spoken to by the stewards. She stated that the adverse conditions hindered her effort and was informed by stewards that her future events would be closely monitored. In the 300m Masters heat Dom Condello ran out towards the finish contacted Greg Hilson who then bumped the winner, Kevin Brittain. He was informed he must attempt to maintain a straight line to the finish in future events. Nick Antonino was questioned by stewards about his poor effort in heat 10 of the gift. He explained that he stood in a hole in the track and jumped a divot. On inspection of the track it was evident the wet conditions had impacted on the track especially the lane Nick was in. Stewards and club officials stamped down each lane to try and make conditions safer.

Season Steward Comments

Was great to see that our new VAL program system working so well again throughout the day. We thank you Nila, Chloe, Shane for their tireless efforts.

It is the runner's responsibility to ensure they are at the start line for their heat.

Athletes are reminded to return the VAL singlets to colour tent immediately completing their event except place getters for the presentations. Following that they must be returned promptly. **WE** have a number of **MISSING** singlets from Cobden & Mortlake that need to be returned ASAP.

Athletes MUST SUPPLY their own **starting blocks**; some athletes are using other athletes blocks **without permission**.

It is the responsibility of runners to ensure their performance history outside of the VAL has been declared prior to a meeting. PB's should be notified immediately to the office and new runners should ensure their performance history is accurate. Failure to do so may result in sanctions being applied.

Runners are advised to re-read the Stewarding notes that were issued at the commencement of last season, particularly in regard to 'winning intent' and also competing with consistency from week to week. You can read the notes **HERE**

Registered Runners and Trainers only, should be on the ground and this should be limited to warming up and competing. Anyone outside of registered Runners and Trainers will be requested to leave the infield.

Breaking in a heat or semifinal and not progressing will result in an NAP at best. Breaking in a final is an automatic NAP at best.