

CHIEF STEWARD'S REPORT VICTORIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE	
Meeting:	Seymour Gift
Date:	Saturday, 13th December 2025
Venue:	Kings Park, Seymour
Weather:	Mild to warm, with light winds throughout the day
Track:	400m grass track
Report Prepared By:	Richard Wearmouth (Chief Steward) 17 th December 2025

GENERAL COMMENTS

Congratulations to the Seymour Running Club for their excellent effort in hosting the meeting.

Special thanks to Blair Collins and his committee for their efforts throughout the day.

The grounds and surface were in immaculate condition with all handicaps clearly marked, as required for every VAL meeting.

Operational Reminder - Clubs must provide personnel to remove starting blocks from the track after all sprint races. Non-compliance causes delays between events and is not the responsibility of the starters.

The power went off at approximately 12pm, the finishing camera was run off a battery initially to record times and placing until the Seymour Club sourced generators locally which enabled the meeting to proceed till the power resumed around 12.30pm.

ATHLETIC PERFORMANCES - NAPs (Non-acceptable performances)

Break: • 70m Open: Dean Balfour

Injury (14-day suspension):

- 120m Men: Michael Dinan
- 120m Women: Claire Douglas
- 300m Masters: Tim Rosen

ICP (Inconsistent Performance):

- 120m Men: Hayden Anderson

LOT (Loss of Time):

- 120m Women: Alex Tzilantonas & Zoe Neale
- 550m Open: Declan Goodwin & Lonain Burnett

ATDR (Acceptable Time Deviation Ranges):

- 70m Open: 7.650 – 7.950
- 120m Men: 12.522 – 13.072
- 120m Women: 13.862 – 14.412
- 400m Men: 48.89 – 50.89
- 400m Women: 55.18 – 57.18

STEWARDSHIP COMMENTS - Athlete Discussions and Feedback

• Stewards spoke with Mr Endale Mekonnen regarding his effort in his 120m mens heat. He explained that he had done little training and was beginning his preparation. His explanation was accepted and noted.

- Mr Hayden Anderson was spoken to regarding his improvement from previous runs and he said he had been enduring soft tissue problems. This had improved over the last week. Mr Anderson's explanation was accepted. He was issued with an ICP.
- Stewards spoke with Miss Kylie Drew and coach Mr Todd Ireland regarding a three-metre improvement from Waverley. Mr Ireland pointed out that this track was much faster and Miss Drew was a better over 120m than 100m. Stewards accepted this explanation.
- Mr Michael Dinan requested permission to scratch from the 120m semi final after incurring a back injury in his heat. Stewards gave permission for him to scratch and issued him with a 14-day injury suspension.
- Mr Chris Brown was given permission to compete in flats for this meeting by the stewards. He would be competing in spikes after this meeting.
- Ms Mikaela Danvers was given permission to start without blocks by the stewards.

Reminders to Athletes and Trainers

Stewards will be monitoring athletes' consistency in future meetings. Inclement weather and soft tracks inhibited consistent performances at earlier meetings. Now with good conditions and surfaces we will be looking more intently.

Photos & Videos

After an incident at Waverley:

Under the VAL Code of Conduct for Dealing with Children and Young People and the Victorian Athletic League Photography Policy (2022), all participants, officials and spectators are reminded of the following:

Although there is currently no Australian law prohibiting filming in public places without permission, the VAL's policy places specific obligations on anyone capturing images or video of Children and Young People involved in VAL activities.

Photographs / Video Footage of Children & Young People

a) You may only take photographs or video footage if:

- i. Prior approval has been granted by the parent/guardian, typically through the registration process;
- ii. The photo/footage is directly related to VAL activities;
- iii. Children and Young People are appropriately dressed and appropriately posed;
- iv. The image/footage is taken in the presence of other VAL participants or officials.

b) Images must not be shared or distributed to anyone outside the VAL without the knowledge and approval of both the parent/guardian and the VAL Executive Officer.

c) Images must not be posted online without parent/guardian approval unless the Children and Young People are fully de-identified.

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