

WILLIAMS Weekly Update 11/12/25

Following on from a fantastic meeting at Waverley, we head this weekend to Seymour, to the reigning meeting of the year, for another great days' competition to round out the 2025 calendar year.

No pegs!

The oval at Seymour has a no pegs policy, so those intending to erect marquees or shelters must bring weights to secure them. With a wind change predicted for Saturday, ensure that all structures are safely secured, without pegs.

Entry Closing Times

Athletes are reminded that entries close at **8pm** on the advertised day for closing. Please ensure that over this Christmas period, you are aware of which events close when, and get your entries in on time, as no late entries will be received at all this season.

Photos & Videos

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.

Retention of winning handicap for Easter

With the change to some race limits this season, to provide clarity, for events listed in the Handicapping Guidelines as eligible under the Handicap Retention Incentive, events with a prize pool in excess of \$2,001 dollars will not qualify as Handicap Retention events.

Bonus handicap lift for Easter

To be eligible for a bonus handicap lift for the Men's and Women's Stawell Gifts, for clarity, the criteria as set out in the Handicapping Guidelines must be met before the declaration of Stawell Gift handicaps.