

CHIEF STEWARD'S REPORT VICTORIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE	
Meeting:	Rye Gift
Date:	Saturday, 10 th January 2026
Venue:	RJ Rowley Reserve, Rye
Weather:	Cool to warm, with very strong winds throughout the day
Track:	392m grass track
Report Prepared By:	Richard Wearmouth (Chief Steward) 10 th January 2026

GENERAL COMMENTS

Thank you to Gary Gillies, Gary Sandford and crew for staging the 50th Rye Gift.

The overall condition of the ground was excellent although on the home bend of the circular track there were several athletes that stumbled due to some uneven ground. Also need to have a proper program printed in book form.

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.

ATHLETIC PERFORMANCES - NAPs (Non-acceptable performances)

Break:

- 120m Women: Tara Beasley
- 120m Men: Kip Wilson, Brodie Smith & Hayden Anderson
- 400m U18 Boys: Adrian Faraja Wilson

Injury (14-day suspension):

- 70m Men: John Evans
- 120m Men: Craig Foley
- 300m Masters: Todd Ireland, John Mackay & Tom Hecimovic
- 400m Mens: Noddy Angelakos

LOT (Loss of Time):

- 400m Men: Kidus Mekonnen & Jed Upton
- 800m Open: Nick O'Halloran, Rob Petrie & Declan Goodwin

IE (Insufficient Effort):

- 800m 45+: Rob Italia

ICP (Inconsistent Performance):

- 120m

UP (Unsatisfactory Performance):

- 300m Masters: Clare Walsh

ATDR (Acceptable Time Deviation Ranges):

- 70m Open: 7.830 – 8.130
- 120m Men: 12.580 – 13.130
- 120m Women: 13.950 – 14.500
- 400m Men: 50.277 – 52.277
- 400m Women: 56.731 – 58.731

STEWARDED COMMENTS - Athlete Discussions and Feedback

- Due to a fast, wind assisted sprint track Stewards allocated a track allowance of .15 for the 120m races only. At approximately 3:15pm because of excessive smoke stewards gave permission for athletes to scratch from their event.
- Stewards spoke with Ms Laura Yorke who was given permission to run in flats but must inform us if she returns to spikes.
- Mr Wayne James hit a circulator track peg and fell in his 800m heat. He recovered and finished the event.
- Stewards spoke with Mr Tez Kavanagh Dando about trying to force a passage near the finish line, that wasn't available. He was given a warning about this action.
- Ms Clare Walsh was spoken to by the stewards regarding improved form and had no explanation. Stewards under rule 16.38 issued her with a \$100 fine and a UP.
- Stewards spoke with Mr Cooper Lubeck about weaving his way through the field at the finish of his 400m heat. He was informed about the repercussions that could occur when doing this. His explanation was accepted and noted.
- Mr Zac Cossey after his 400m heat was spoken to by stewards about easing up and looking around near the finish. He explained that it was his first run this season and he was fatigued. Mr Zac Cossey's explanation was noted.

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.

R. Wearmouth

(Chief Steward)

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