

CHIEF STEWARD'S REPORT VICTORIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE	
Meeting:	Ballarat Gift
Date:	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Venue:	City Oval
Weather:	Warm day little wind Saturday & warm Sunday with a couple of heavy showers in afternoon
Track:	400m grass track
Report Prepared By:	Richard Wearmouth (Chief Steward) 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2026

## GENERAL COMMENTS

Thank you to Andrew Hoffman and the large support crew for staging the two-day Ballarat Gift. The overall condition of the ground was in excellent condition with handicaps well marked on the circular and straight tracks.

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:*

- 70m Men: Nicholas Antonino & Adam French
- 70m 35+ Women & 45+ Men: Jaimie Mayhew Sharp & Michelle Dean
- 120m U18 Boys: Romeo Brissonnette
- 120m Masters: Srdjan Jovan
- 400m U18 Boys: Henry Anderson, Hayden Jeffrey, Jack Densley

### *Injury (14-day suspension):*

- 70m Men: Domenico Condello
- 120m Men: Mitchell Mullins & Jesse Cordoma

### *LOT (Loss of Time):*

- 120m Women: Ruby Sulicich & Kiera McGregor
- 70m Men: Dion Paull, Dylan McGann, Matt Burleigh

### *IE (Insufficient Effort):*

- 120m Men: Ryan Dawson
- 300 Masters: Peter O'Farrell, Richard Polkinghorne & Johnathon Rodgers

### *ICP (Inconsistent Performance):*

- 70m Men: Aubrey Watson & Daniel Martin
- 120m Women: Holly Dobbyn

### *UP (Unsatisfactory Performance):*

- 3200m Open: Tez Kavanagh Dando

*ATDR (Acceptable Time Deviation Ranges):*

- 70m Open: 7.795 – 8.095
- 70m Women: 8.478 – 8.778
- 120m Men: 12.372 – 12.922
- 120m Women: 13.817 – 14.367
- 400m Men: 47.873 – 49.873
- 400m Women: 53.264 – 55.264

**STEWARDED COMMENTS - Athlete Discussions and Feedback**

Stewards issued a track allowance for the 70m of .10

For the remainder of the season, if athletes wish to run in flats, they will no longer be allowed to transfer to spikes in any subsequent runs.

Ingrid Woodward and Mark Boxer were given permission to run in flats and reminded that they must run in flats or spikes for the rest of the season. There is no switching from week to week.

Hayden Petherick was told to maintain a straight line in the straight to avoid inconveniencing other runners.

Andrew Drummond was questioned after causing interference to Michelle Dean in the straight during the 300m masters final. He was issued with a \$200 fine.

In the 300m masters final Tim Rosen fell at the start and did not take part in the event. His explanation was accepted.

After his 120m heat Ryan Dawson was spoken to about his effort. He was issued with an IE (Insufficient Effort).

Daniel Martin was spoken to about his improved effort from his last performance. He was issued with an ICP (Inconsistent Performance).

After his 300m masters heat Jamie Johns was spoken to about bursting through the middle of other runners in the straight. He was issued with a warning.

Eleanor Cooney Hunt was spoken to about causing interference to other runners in the 400m women's final. She was also told not to look around in the straight and run through the line. She was issued with a \$200 fine.

Dylan McGann was spoken to about an improvement in times and told to maintain that effort for the remainder of the season.

In the U18 boys final Jack Densely was spoken to about looking around in the straight. He was issued with a warning.

*R. Wearmouth*

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