

CHIEF STEWARD'S REPORT	
VICTORIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE	
Meeting:	Stawell Gift
Date:	Saturday 4 th , Sunday 5 th & Monday April 2026
Venue:	Central Park, Stawell
Weather:	Three days of good weather
Track:	400m circular and sprint tracks were all in good condition
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GENERAL COMMENTS

Congratulations to Rob and vast crew for staging this event. Another fantastic event.
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 Women: Amarni Anderson & Elizabeth Melrose
- 70m Men: Archie Minster
- 100m U18 Girls: Lucy Potter
- 100m U18 Boys: Sam Cations
- 100m Masters: Steven Hurl & Sarah No
- 120m Women: Mackenzie Estlick & Grace Crowe
- 200m Open: Matt Stanfield & Darcy Nixon
- 400m Men: Callum James & Hugh Parrot
- 800m 45+: Mark Boxer

Injury:

- 70m Mens: James Withnall & Daniel White Alikakos
- 100m U18 Boys: Flynn Duggan
- 100m Restricted: Nicholas Rosa & Harmen Dhiman
- 100m Masters: Scott Rowsell, Laura McDougall Gary Davidson & Patrick McCarthy
- 120m Mens: Kipp Wilson & Zac Urbach
- 200m Open: Lachlan Shanks
- 550m Open: Cameron Yorke

ICP (Inconsistent Effort):

- 120m Women: Alex Day
- 120m Men: Joshua Lotsu
- 400m Men: Sean Davidson
- 550m Open: Matt Harvey & Jesse Patterson

IE (Insufficient Effort):

- 400m Men Tim Rosen
- 800m Open Toby Cook

UP (Unsatisfactory Performance):

- 400m Women: Tiana Shillito
- 1600m Open: Ben Hayes & Sam Zotti

ATDR (Acceptable Time Deviation Ranges):

STEWARDED COMMENTS - Athlete Discussions and Feedback

Stewards spoke with Tiana Shillito regarding her improvement in the women's 400m. Tiana was issued with a UP and a \$100 fine.

An athlete was spoken to after abusing officials, he was banned from the ground and surroundings on Sunday and Monday. He must front stewards before competing again.

Mitch Fitzgerald was spoken to by stewards after 1600m restricted victory. His explanation was accepted.

Corey Williams was disqualified after his 300m masters for causing interference to Daniel Gilham. This was later rescinded after further evidence showed another athlete had forced Corey to move out.

Stewards disqualified Hayden Petherick after the Mens 400m Final after causing interference to Cameron Konnis. He was issued with a \$100 fine.

Ben Hayes was spoken to after the 1600m regarding his performance. He was issued with a UP.

Stewards spoke with Sam Zotti after his performance in the 1600m and was given a UP.

Morgan Mitchell was queried over her non-appearance at the start line in the Women's Gift semi-finals. She explained that she was unaware that she had qualified, as she had run 5th in her heat. She was reminded that it is the athlete's responsibility to check progressions. She was very contrite. Stewards gave her permission to run in the 400m final.

Notice to Athletes and Coaches

Athletes and Coaches are advised not to participate in multiple events, where doing so is likely to negatively affect performance outcomes.

Failure to adhere to this guidance may result in a sanction issued by a **NAP (Non-acceptable performances)**

Sanctions may include:

- Recommendation for a Handicap Review
- Financial Penalty
- Suspension
 - Or a combination of all three consequences

All participants are expected to act in the best interests of fair competition and the integrity of the sport.

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