



**CENTRE RECORDS
AND
PERSONAL BESTS
POLICY**

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CENTRE RECORDS AND PERSONAL BESTS POLICY

This policy is an approved policy of the Gawler Little Athletics Centre, Incorporated, with the intention to provide direction and consistency in awarding Centre Records and Personal Bests.

At the commencement of each athletic summer season, Gawler Little Athletic Centre invest in having the athletic track measured and line marked by a reputable company, who can ensure correct measurement by Global Positioning System (GPS) complying with World Athletics (formerly IAAF) standards.

Gawler Little Athletic Centre will use electronic starting and finishing timing equipment.

The above will provide consistency across each season.

With the introduction of the South Australia Little Athletic Centre (SALAA) "Winter Track Series" athletes participating in this event will have Centre Records achieved at this event acknowledged by Gawler Little Athletics Centre as a Centre Record.

Centre Records:

Gawler Little Athletic Centre, Centre Records (CRs) are recorded into the Timing Solutions program Results HQ. The Centre Record for each event, in each age group, is printed at the top of the results sheet for each home meet.

It will be the responsibility of the Chaperone/ Age Group Results Recorder at each meet, to check the Centre Record time/ measurement at the commencement of the event.

In relation to track events (sprints/ hurdles/ middle distance/ long distance/ walks) times recorded by the electronic timing system will be taken to be true and correct, unless otherwise indicated by the timing gate keeper.

The exception to the above, is in the New Year (usually about February when the school year commences) when Trinity College takes over the line marking of the athletic track for the school sports. As Gaw/er Little Athletic Centre cannot ensure the correct measurement and compliance with World Athletics standards, Centre Records will not be honoured.

In relation to track events (sprints/ hurdles on the short track) times recorded by handheld stop watches, will not be taken to be Centre Records due to the elements of human error and inconsistencies of the starting / stopping of timing watches for individual lanes.

In relation to field events (discus/ shot put/ long jump/ triple jump/ javelin/ high jump) measurements recorded that are believed to have broken the Centre Record recorded at the top of the results sheet, the following will be conducted:

- Event is paused and the Chaperone/ Age Group Results Recorder to locate a committee member or Coach - (*Committee member or Coach not to be a relative of the athlete involved*)
- Committee member /Coach review the measurement and confirm the result.
- Committee member/ Coach ensure compliance with event rules.
(*If the Committee member/ Coach is unsure of rules - to confer with another Coach or Executive Committee member*)
- If Committee Member/ Coach is satisfied, sign results sheet, corroborating result as correct and confirm Centre Record attained.
- In the event an independent Committee Member/ Coach cannot be located in a timely manner, the above is to be conducted by two (2) parents not related to the athlete and results sheet signed.

Personal Bests:

Gawler Little Athletic Centre, athletes Personal Bests (PBs) are recorded into the Timing Solutions program Results HQ. The Personal Best for each athlete for each event, in each age group, is printed on the results sheet for each home meet.

It will be the responsibility of the Chaperone/ Age Group Results Recorder at each meet, to check the Personal Best time/ measurement during the event.

In relation to track events (sprints/ hurdles/ middle distance/ long distance/ walks) times recorded by the electronic timing system will be taken to be true and correct, unless otherwise indicated by the timing gate keeper.

The exception to the above, is in the New Year (usually about February when the school year commences} when Trinity College takes over the line marking of the athletic track for the school sports. Gaw/er Little Athletic Centre cannot ensure the correct measurement and compliance with World Athletics standards; however Personal Bests will be honoured.

In relation to track events (sprints/ hurdles on the short track) times recorded by handheld stop watches, will be taken to be Personal Best times.

In relation to field events (discus/ shot put/ long jump/ triple jump/ javelin/ high jump) measurements recorded that is believed to be new Personal Bests for the athlete will be taken to be their new Personal Best.

Authorisation

Signature of President:

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Date of Approval by the Committee: 27th September 2024

This policy is to be reviewed every three (3) years.