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To make a contribution towards Nation Building and Healing of our land, South Africa, and the Transformation of our Society, through the Development of Athletics, from Grassroots to the highest levels of Excellence

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ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Dear ASA Members

Circular 18 OF ASA 2017 (02/14) – INTERNATIONAL ATHLETES PARTICIPATING IN SOUTH AFRICA

Since ASA’s re-admission into international athletics, South Africa became a popular destination for athletes from many different countries, all over the world. ASA welcome these athletes as it is experienced as a compliment to the quality of Athletics in South Africa.

Many countries are now starting to use South Africa as a base camp from where international athletes prepares for international events all over the world.

Some athletes come to South Africa to participate socially in ASA events, which do not pose a challenge to ASA as such athletes must abide by domestic competition rules.

A large percentage of the international athletes however participate in South Africa to improve on their previous performance, or win prize money and incentives on offer at ASA Events.

In the latter example, it is important that such events should take place in accordance with IAAF Rules, and event related marketing material should state that the event takes place in accordance with IAAF and ASA Rules.

It is also important to note that international athletes must participate in events in South Africa in colours of their domicile country or club, or alternatively, run in neutral colours (ASA Rule 2.4).

It is also important to note that international athletes participating in South Africa must be in possession of a clearance certificate from their domicile country. This clearance certificate is important to curb a range of irregularities which varies from substance abuse to human trafficking.

It is unfortunate that some countries are now to placing Athlete Representatives on a “Black list” which denies them to bring athletes to South Africa, for reasons mentioned above.

Athletes, clubs and Event/Race Organizers must take note of Rule 4.4 and must take note that a violation in the mentioned rules will not be taken lightly, and strict penalties can be expected, if found guilty.

Athletics greetings

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