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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

To	ASA Members
From	ASA Office
Date	29 June 2017
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ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Dear ASA Members

Circular 67 of ASA 2017 (06/29) – FOREIGN ATHLETES PARTICIPATING IN SOUTH AFRICA

ASA, are conducting a synchronized attempt with its members and partners, to rebuild its status in the international domain, and as such encourage international competitions and athletes in South Africa. This however must take place along clear defined IAAF and ASA Rules and Regulations.

With the above initiate in mind, the participation of foreign athletes in South Africa, and not properly regulated by Race Organizers and Referees has become a challenge to ASA to the extent that it compromises the integrity of ASA internationally.

ASA has in 2017 repeatedly cautioned our members, via ASA circulars, and at the 2017 ASA AGM, that the participation of international athletes in South Africa, and not properly regulated by the Race Organizers and/or Referees, compromises the integrity of South Africa as a country.

ASA also cautioned members against activities of unregistered Athlete Representatives in South Africa whom represents, both international athletes and domestic athletes, and illegally negotiates on behalf of athletes at events in South Africa. It was pointed out to members that Athlete Representatives in good standing can identify themselves by means of an ID card issued by ASA.

ASA recently received a letter from an international agency cautioning ASA against unregistered Athlete Representatives that violates the rights of athletes deliberately.

The latest incident which compromised ASA's relationship with the IAAF, is events in South Africa whom accommodated Russian athletes to run in races in South Africa. It is common knowledge that Russia, along with its athletes are suspended to participate outside Russia. These athletes participated with clearance certificates from Russia, which are in conflict with the IAAF sanction.

ASA kindly request ASA Members to assist in protecting the interest and image of athletics diligently to ensure that the service to our members improves exponentially.

ASA, in collaboration with its members, have to implement corrective measures which may include a disciplinary hearing of the individual or Organizer, and if found guilty, such Disciplinary Committee has the powers to, among other, impose corrective measures such as:

1. Deregistration of the event at fault from the ASA/Provincial Fixtures List.
2. Suspension of the Referee at fault
3. Refusal to use Special Numbers for the competition
4. Refusal of the right to broadcast the event

Following the discussion at the ASA AGM on 17 June 2017, regarding the above matter, the following chapter elaborates on existing ASA Rules and Regulations and are effective with immediate effect.

Athletics greetings

Richard Stander
ASA CEO
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The Eligible Foreign Athlete

- 1** A foreign athlete is defined as an athlete not domicile in South Africa, not an South African Citizen and participating under IAAF Rules in South Africa
- 2** Foreign athletes must provide a clearance certificate from the domicile country to ASA. ASA, when approving the clearance certificate will authenticate the clearance certificate and such clearance certificate plus the ASA Authentication letter must be presented at all events where the foreign athlete wishes to participate.
- 3** Athlete Representatives may facilitate the participation of foreign athletes in South Africa, provided that the clearance certificate of each athlete is submitted to ASA before the athlete are entered for an event in South Africa, and the foreign athlete is regarded as an elite athlete in the domicile country of the athlete
- 4** Foreign athletes must adhere to Rule 5.10 to be considered to represent a club in South Africa
- 5** A foreign athlete, not adhering to Rule 5.10, can only participate in South Africa in events which take place under the IAAF and ASA Rules.
- 6** Foreign athletes cannot participate in Team Competitions in South Africa, either as individual in a club team, or as a member of a team from the domicile country of the athlete. Only ASA, CAA or IAAF holds the rights to such competitions.
- 7** A foreign athlete entering as individual for an event, not declaring that he/she is a foreign athlete will constitute fraud. In the section of the entry form where the ID Number or birth certificate is requested, the athlete must state "foreign athlete".
- 8** Foreign athletes competing in local competitions must participate in the colours of their country, or club they belong to in their domicile country. Alternatively foreign athletes may participate in neutral colours. No branding must be visible on the clothing other that the branding provided by the event/race organizer.
- 9** Clubs may enter foreign athletes as individuals for competitions provided the athlete is declared as a foreign athlete.
- 10** Where a foreign athlete becomes a member of a club, the foreign athlete may not participate in the colours of the club; and may not compete in the club category of the competition.
- 11** If the foreign athlete receives prizes or prize money while wearing the colours of the club at fault, the athletics club concerned will be held responsible for the violation of this rule and will face disciplinary action by ASA. The athlete concerned will be reported to his/her national federation for possible disciplinary action.
- 12** Foreign athletes must take note of Rule 2 regarding prizes and prize money