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**MISSION**

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	10 August 2017
Subject	SAAS Youth and Junior Ranking Lists amended
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**ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

**Circular 93 of ASA 2017  
SAAS Youth and Junior Ranking Lists amended**

ASA Members must please note that the SAAS National Youth and Junior Rankings were amended. The SAAS National Youth and Junior Rankings are attached, or are available on <http://www.athletics.org.za/statistics>. This amendment of the SAAS National Youth and Junior Rankings came about due to a number of youth and junior athletes been tested positive by SAIDS for using substances on the SAIDS banned substance list.

Unlike their senior counterparts, youth and junior athletes are regarded by law as minors. Therefore the names of youth and junior athletes been suspended by SAIDS for using banned substances cannot be made public. This does not make the suspension less dramatic for both the athlete and ASA. ASA is in process of building a winning nation, and losing talented athletes in this way is a concern to ASA.

The names of the suspended athletes were removed from the SAAS Ranking list, to avoid them been eligible to represent South Africa until their suspension period has expired.

ASA Members are kindly requested to advise their athletes, in particular youth and junior athletes that it is the responsibility of the athlete to make sure that the substances that they are using are not on the SAIDS banned substance list. It is however the responsibility of ASA Members to educate their athletes of the risk of using substances that are not declared "clean" by SAIDS.

If the athlete has any doubt regarding the legality of the substances they are using, the athletes are advised to refer to the SAIDS website <http://www.drugfreesport.org.za/prohibited-list/> which reflects the latest list of banned substances.

Athletes must note that sport enhancement products and medicines available in, among other, food retail shops, sport shops and pharmacies may be listed on the SAIDS banned substance list. SAIDS will not accept ignorance as an excuse when athletes are tested for the use of banned substances.

Lastly, Athletes listed on the ASA Top 10 Ranking List who use prescribed medicines, or any form of medication, should complete a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) Form, and submit it to SAIDS before they compete in an event. The TUE form can be downloaded from <http://www.drugfreesport.org.za/tue/>.

ASA kindly request all our members to collectively strive towards the objective of ASA to develop a winning nation. Cautioning our athletes to be cautious of what substances they are using in one way of building a winning nation.

Athletics greetings  
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