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To	ASA Members
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ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

CIRCULAR 93

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Dear ASA Members

ASA Circulars 62; 66; 69; 86; 87; 88 has bearing.

ASA recently held a workshop with the Managers of the Provincial Academies of Sport in the 9 provinces of South Africa.

The above meeting took place to align the ASA Development Strategy, which is due for presentation at the ASA CM in 13 October 2018, with the mandate and programmes of the Provincial Academies of Sport and Sport Schools.

The objective of the meeting with the Provincial Academies of Sport was to establish, to what extent ASA and its Provincial Members can maximize the support of athletes ranked on the ASA Top 10 Ranking Lists.

A further objective was to brief the Academies of Sport on what are to be presented at the 2018 ASA National Coaches Symposium on 4-5 October 2018.

Feedback from the Academies of Sport to ASA was:

1. The Academies of Sport are ready to support Provincial athletes ranked on the ASA Top 10 Ranking List.
2. Political interference in some provinces create a challenge in the support the Academies of Sport can offer to Provincial Athletes
3. In some provinces the Academies of Sport do not know who to interact with in the province
4. In some provinces, athletes not ranked on the ASA Top 10 Ranking list, are submitted to the Academies of Sport for support
5. Personal coaches of athletes on ASA Top 10 Ranking lists do not trust the Academies of Sport e.g. they think the Academies want to steal their athletes

With the above in mind it is clear that an educational process is required to maximize the support the Academies of Sport can provide to the top athletes in the provinces. ASA kindly request the following support from provinces:

1. To ensure that the Provincial Coaches Committee interact and establish a working relationship with the Academies of Sport
2. That a Representative of the Provincial Coaches Committee, as well as the personal coaches of athletes ranked on the ASA Top 10 Ranking list, attend the 2018 ASA Coaches Symposium.
3. The Provinces are requested to contribute to the refinement of the ASA Development Strategy with specific reference to the pathways from grass root development to excellence.

Athletics greetings

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