WESTERN CAPE HIGH SCHOOLS ATHLETICS SHIFT TO DAL JOSAPHAT – 3, 4, 5 MARCH 2022

ATTENTION ALL REGIONAL/ DISTRICT/ PRINCIPALS/ COACHES/ MANAGERS

Please be advised that the Western Cape High Schools Championships will take place on 3, 4, 5 March 2022, at Dal Josaphat Stadium, Paarl. Our organisation was informed late Thursday afternoon that the stadium was no longer available on Saturday 5 March 2022 as the Green Point Sports precinct would, apparently, be too busy to accommodate an athletics event. This, however, does not mean that there is an event at the athletics stadium. Despite being in possession of the events permit and several appeals to various parties, we have not been successful in convincing the City of Cape Town of the impact of their decision.

Western Cape Schools Athletics had to make a tough call and decided on Sunday, 27 February to move the High Schools championships to Dal Josaphat on 3, 4, 5 March to be able to accommodate the full programme. We understand the impact it has on all our arrangements please take note that the full day of competition will now be Friday, 4 March 2022. A timetable will be forwarded soonest.

The timetable has been adapted to accommodate events on Thursday 3 March 2022, Friday 4 March 2022 (full day of events) and Saturday 5 March 2022. The stadium is being used by WP Primary schools and Boland Primary schools to complete their regional championships. Certain events will take place for High schools on these days after their events have been completed.

Please understand that the decision taken was not easy, it was because of the duress exercised by the City of Cape Town, which you are aware has issued and events permit for Green Point Stadium. We could not wait to inform our affiliates late on Monday of any changes.

Regional Managers must please note, due to the contracted time of the timetable, all events will become heat finals. The best time across each heat will be calculated and the winners indicated accordingly. In the field events a qualifying distance will be set, and athletes must reach it to continue with the competition.

Hopefully this provides clarity as to the reasons why there has been a shift in venue at this late stage in our planning.

Kind Regards

F. Cassiem (electronically signed)

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