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Dear Boland Athletics Family,

After extensive consultation with our Local Authority Events Department, SAPS and Disaster Management, we have agreed to postpone the Boland Athletics Cross Country Championships scheduled for 12 August 2023 at Dal Josaphat Stadium in Paarl to a later date due to the on-going Taxi strike in the Western Cape.

The safety of our athletes and supporters are our biggest concern in making this decision along with the relevant stakeholders, to ensure the safeguarding of our events.

Most of our athletes and supporters travel to our events by bus and mini bus from the most remote areas of the Cape Winelands, West Coast, and the Overberg Districts.

Understandably, most of the Bus Companies and private Mini Bus Operators are very reluctant to travel due to the violence that goes with the Taxi strike. We have also been advised that most of the School Sports Derby games in our Province have been called off for safety concerns.

We trust that all our members appreciate the measures that we are taking in the best interest of your wellbeing.

The provisional new date for the Boland Athletics Cross Country Championships is Saturday 19 August 2023 at Dal Josaphat Stadium in Paarl. Confirmation of the new date will be communicated in due course, depending on the resolution of the circumstances around the safety of our members.

Warm Regards.



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