



Message from the President

Mr. Moss Mashishi



On behalf of the SASCOC Board, I extend best wishes to all the athletes, those already selected for the Beijing Olympic Games, and those still awaiting confirmation of their qualifications.

I am confident all our National Federations leadership and Administrators will work with us to ensure we give the athletes the best conditions ever for their shot at Olympic glory.

The climax of the Olympic quadrennial, the Summer Olympic Games are upon us. In just under 2 months, our athletes, together with the youth of the world will gather in Beijing, to pursue a dream, to compete with the best in the world, and also to celebrate the spirit of the Olympics, of universality, of friendship and of humanity.

We also welcome the addition of Natalie du Toit to our swimming team, and also express our joy with the outcome of the decision of the International Court of Arbitration for sport in opening the door to the talented Oscar Pistorius to once more pursue his Olympic dream. In these two athletes we recognise the human capacity to reach beyond impediment, and strive of the human spirit to excel and succeed beyond all odds. We also recognise in them true symbols of hope to all our youth that represent that courage, tenacity, and sheer diligence can deliver not only the remarkable and the extra ordinary, but the ultimate dream.

We will also announce the Paralympic Team on the 11th June 2008. The Paralympic Team has always hoisted our flag high and done us proud as a nation. We expect no less from them in Beijing. It is also gratifying that SABC intends to give the Paralympics the best coverage ever.

So I invite all South Africans to get behind our Paralympians as they do justice to their already rich pedigree.

I had the privilege to speak at the opening of the World Ski Congress in Cape Town recently, and I congratulate Mr Peter Pilz and his Executive Committee for winning the right to bring the event to South Africa and doing a great job in hosting it.

I have also recently returned from a meeting of the IOC Sport and Environment Commission. Amongst several presentations by future Olympic Games host cities, like Vancouver 2010 (winter); London 2012 (summer); and Sochi 2014 (winter), we also had a great presentation from Beijing 2008. In particular the work and focus on the contentious issue of air quality was most re-assuring.

Also, the IOC has invited all NOC's to submit projects for the Sport and Environment Competition. The competition closes in December 2008 and the winners will be flown to Vancouver in March 2009 for the announcement. I request all National Federations to submit your programmes for consideration. Those NF's that have not been looking at this issue, I encourage you to look at the small things your sport can do to make the environment better and the world a more sustainable place. We will be sending you examples from other countries to demonstrate what is already being done.

We have had very fruitful discussions with the National Lottery Distribution Committee. We believe the ideas which we articulated in our 2005 Vision 2014 document regarding the need to:

- 1) take a mid term (5yrs) to long term (10yrs) outlook in funding commitments,
- 2) the need to align funding and planning through business plans,

- 3) the need to conduct annual audits on delivery against business plan targets etc, are becoming part of the committee's policy framework.

I believe our collaboration with Mr Gideon Sam's Distribution Committee can lead to a better and optimum funding model for sport which will be reflected in our results and transformation achievements.

Best wishes
MOSS MASHISHI
President
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INDIGENOUS GAMES WORKSHOP

On 24 April 2008, SASCOC was invited to a workshop for the Indigenous Games, which was hosted by the Department of Sport and Recreation.

Five Federations attended the workshop: Ncuva, Drie Stokkies, Jukskei, Mind Sport and Cooco.

The purpose of the workshop was to discuss placement of Indigenous Games Federations as SASCOC members, and to outline the membership criteria and the documents needed when applying. The Amended National Sport and Recreation Act of November 2007 played a key role on defining who qualifies to be a Sport and Recreation Federation.

The Federations were urged to request SRSA to assist on developing key documents such as the Constitution etc., and they were also advised to tap into the SRSA funding provided to the Hubs in the provinces.

2008 OLYMPIC DAY RUN

The 2008 Olympic Day Run will take place at Ekurhuleni City on 26 July 2008. The event takes place every year with about 1500 athletes expected to take part in the race, and federations are encouraged to get their athletes to take part in the event. More details of the event will be outlined in the next edition of this Newsletter.

NATIONAL FEDERATIONS DISPUTES UPDATE

Basketball SA (BSA) had a Special General Meeting held on 26 April 2008 at the Olympic House, SASCOC Offices.

This followed numerous concerns and complaints raised by the greater percentage of BSA membership on the running and management of the affairs of the Federation by the Executive Committee. The meeting discussed the current impasse on the functioning of Basketball South Africa and proposed a strategy to Basketball to function positively into the future.

The meeting resolved the following:

1. That the current executive committee be dissolved.
2. That an interim committee be set up.
3. That the meeting appoint and approve a Management Committee which was appointed as follows: Malesela Maleka – Chairperson, Gezepi Mbatha, Cabby Cabanelas, Dr Malumbethe Ralethe, Dali Dzingwa, Dumisani Tuka, Tshepo Nyewe as an administrator and Representatives from SASCOC.
4. That SASCOC play an oversight role in the process.

5. That SRSA assist in budgetary capacity.
6. That clear Terms of Reference be drawn for the Interim Committee.
7. That a proper structure is constituted within six months from the meeting.

A **SA Handball Federation** Special General Meeting was held on 10 May 2008 at the Olympic House, following resolutions taken in a meeting called by SASCOC on 10 April 2008. The meeting resolved the following:

1. That the Annual General Meeting be held 28 June 2008.
2. That the SA Handball Federation Executive Committee be dissolved with immediate effect.
3. That SASCOC is given the responsibility to facilitate the affairs of SAHF as well as the AGM until a New Executive is elected.
4. That the Interim Committee be constituted by the nine Provincial Chairpersons.

Karate SA (KSA) held an Extra Ordinary Special General Meeting on 24 May 2008 at Olympic House, SASCOC offices.

The purpose of the meeting was to elect a united Executive Committee that will run affairs of Karate in the country. All Karate Regions attended the meeting which was chaired by Mr. Doctor Nkosi, SASCOC Board Member.

The new KSA Executive Committee was elected as follows:

Leon Beech	President
Isaac Mashinini	Vice President
Elias Jacobs	Secretary
Noah Bhembe	Treasurer
Add. Member 1	Soon Pretorius
Add. Member 2	Stanley Khoza
Add. Member 3	Hoosain Narker
Add. Member 4	Sydney Zilimbola
Add. Member 5 Co-opted	Sanette Smit (Gender desk)
Add. Member 6 Co-opted	Frans Mamabolo (Tertiary Institutions)

TEAM SOUTH AFRICA – OLYMPIC UPDATE

SASCOC held the first of three team announcements for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games at Olympic House on 23 April. The following athletes and officials will form part of Team SA and represent South Africa at this year's Olympic Games in Beijing.

Aquatics

Jenna Dreyer (Eastern Cape), Kathryn Meaklim (KwaZulu Natal) Melissa Corfe (KwaZulu Natal) Jessica Pengelly (Western Cape), Lize-Mari Retief (Gauteng) Amanda Loots (Gauteng) Wendy Trott (Western Cape), Suzaan van Biljon (Gauteng), Cameron Van der Burgh (Gauteng), Darian Townsend (KwaZulu Natal), Gerhard Zandberg (Gauteng), George Du Rand (Free State), Gideon Louw (Gauteng), Jean Basson (Gauteng), Lyndon Ferns (Gauteng), Neil Versfeld (KwaZulu Natal), Riaan Schoeman (KwaZulu Natal), Roland Schoeman (Gauteng), Ryk Neethling (KwaZulu Natal), Troyden Prinsloo (KwaZulu Natal), William Diering (Gauteng).

Archery

Calvin Hartley (KwaZulu Natal), and Manager/Coach, Barbara Manning.

Boxing

Jackson Chauke, and Manager/Coach Nkosinathi Hlatshwayo.

Cycling

Robert Hunter (Gauteng), John-Lee Augustyn (Gauteng), David George (Western Cape), Burry Stander (KwaZulu Natal), Yolande Speedy (Gauteng). The team management are: Tony Harding (Manager/Coach), Melvin Classen (Mechanic) and Leon Schepers (Coach).

Fencing

Jyoti Chetty (Gauteng), Adele Du Plooy (Gauteng), Elvira Wood (Gauteng), Michael Wood (Gauteng), Dario Torrente (Gauteng) and Sello Maduma (Northern Gauteng). Randall Daniels (Manager) and Guennadi Tyshler (Coach) will accompany the team.

Gymnastics

Odette Richard (Gauteng) will be accompanied by Manager/Coach Maureen van Rooyen.

Sailing

Penny Alison (Western Cape), Dominique Provoyeur (Western Cape), Kim Rew (Western Cape), who will be accompanied by Manager / Coach, Dayne Sharp.

Shooting

Diane Swanton and Esmari Van Reenen will be assisted by Timothy Swanton (Manager/Coach).

The medical team was also announced at the same function. It consists of some of the countries top sports doctors and physiotherapists.

MEDICAL DOCTORS

Chief Medical Officer: Dr. Shuaib Ismail Manjra, and he will be accompanied by Dr. Demitri Constantinou, Dr. Ephraim Nematswerani and Dr. Harold Adams.

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

Chief Physiotherapist: Ms. Tumelo Komane, who will be accompanied by Mr. Edwin Bodha, Mr. Neil Viranna, Mr. Michael Mabasa, Ms. Caren Fleishman, Ms. Louise Ann Rivett, Ms. Marlene Naicker, Ms. Merike Hopkins, Ms. Jacqui McCord-Uys, Mr. Theodore Calligeris Mr. Derek Du Plessis

The next Team Announcement will be made on 12 June.

The following sports are earmarked for the second announcement as they are expected to complete the qualification process before the end of May 2008;

Badminton, Canoeing, Hockey-men and women, Judo, Rowing and Wrestling

Team South Africa Base Camp- Daegu South Korea (22 July – 15 August 2008)

135 Athletes will attend a Training Camp in Daegu, Korea in the week leading up to the Beijing Games. This will be the last part of Team South Africa's preparation for the Games.

All athletes are expected to arrive in the athletes' village three days prior their competition commencement date. So the base camp will play a vital role pertaining some of the challenges around preparation, acclimatization with the environment etc.

Monthly Tracking & Monitoring Forms

SASCOC will continue to utilize normal tracking & monitoring forms that were utilized during previous games to manage this process pertaining health & fitness status of our athletes.

All the federations that are earmarked to participate in Beijing were requested to comply with this process.

Olympic Federations Consultative Process (Beijing 2008 Olympic Games)

Seventeen sports were consulted during the One-on-One process to ascertain their needs also to furnish them with relevant information pertaining to the Games.

Further to this process, SASCOC has conducted a Code Managers workshop at Olympic House on the 24 May 2008, where all the National Federations that are probable to participate at the Games were invited. Codes in attendance were, Archery, Aquatics, Athletics, Boxing, Canoeing, Cycling, Fencing, Gymnastics, Hockey Judo, Rowing, Sailing, Shooting, Tennis, Triathlon and Wrestling.

It was a successful meeting where SASCOC had also invited Dr George van Dugteren (SASCOC Chairman Anti Doping Commission) to present some information in Doping in sport & TUE process.

3rd ATHLETE CAREER PROGRAMME (ACP) FORUM – LAUSANNE 18 - 19 MARCH 2008,

Mr. Kaya Majeke attended the above mentioned meeting that took place in Lausanne Switzerland, in March.

The meeting was divided into two sessions, the first session was facilitated by the members of the Steering Committee and second session was facilitated by the Director for Athlete Career Programme (ACP), Mr. Patrick Glennon.

First session was facilitated by the following steering committee members, Namely;

- Mr. Sergey Bubka, (Chairman)
- Mr. Stephan Howeg
- Mr. Robert Ctvrtlik
- Patrick Glennon (Programme Director)

ACP Main Objectives

- To capacitate athletes with Life Skills whilst they are still participating in sport.
- To prepare athletes for working environment.
- CV formulation.
- Engaging industrial psychologists /sport psychologists.
- Job placements etc,

The meeting was attended by 30 countries with only one NOC in the African Continent (South Africa) present. The meeting took place at the IOC Museum, which was an interesting environment to some who were visiting the country for the first time.

The Chairman (Mr. Patrick J.Glennon) has confirmed that the following information will be provided to our NOC in April:

- Access to the private web site.
- A disc that will contain all the presentations, pictures, and other relevant Summit information.
- A Newsletter focusing on the 3rd Annual ACP Summit.
- Other information outlining 2008 activity for the programme.

America was amongst the countries that were sharing best practices on the programme. The idea of sharing best practices on the programme was welcomed.

Selection Criteria (ACP)

The selection criterion that pertains to this programme was forwarded to all Olympic Sports.

SASCOC intends to start with seven athletes that were proposed by different sports federations and both Olympic & Paralympics athletes were considered.

Beijing 2008 Olympic Games Pre DRM

The South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee will be hosting the Beijing 2008 Pre DRM (Delegation Registration Meeting) for the National Olympic Committees in Africa.

Details of the event

Date:	6-8 June 2008
Venue:	Olympic House
Time:	09:00- 17:00

The meeting will ensure that each NOC has all arrangements in place with the organizers in Beijing to deliver their team, incident free. 9 Representatives from BOGOC will attend with at least 14 Countries that have confirmed from Africa. Delegates attending from the NOC's are either the Chef De Mission or Head of Delegation who will lead their teams to the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

PARALYMPICS UPDATE

All qualification events except for Wheelchair Tennis are now complete. We have received confirmation from the International Paralympics Committee on slots allocated by sport that South Africa has qualified in. Team South Africa will be announced on 11 June 2008.

The Sports we have qualified for are:

- Athletics
- Aquatics
- Cycling
- Equestrian
- Power-lifting
- Rowing
- Table Tennis
- Wheelchair Basketball (Men)
- Wheelchair Tennis



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