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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
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Subject	Athletes failing to avail themselves for national events.
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ELECRTONIC TRANSMISSION

Dear ASA Members

Circular 33 OF ASA 2017 (03/23) – ATHLETES FAILING TO AVAIL THEMSELVES FOR NATIONAL EVENTS

ASA has completed, as part of the 2017 Athletics Season, its first athletics series, "Speed Series" consisting of 4 events.

The 4 Speed Series events were hosted in collaboration with the host Provinces, KZNA, AFS, ACNW and CGA. ASA would like to express our gratitude towards the mentioned provinces for hosting the events successfully.

The Speed Series had the following objectives:

1. To create an opportunity for the athletes who represented South Africa at the 2016 Olympic Games to exhibit their talents to the athletics family in South Africa.
2. To generate income to fund and support the ASA Preparation Squad in their preparation for the 2017 IAAF World Championships. ASA annually support the travel expenses of athletes and their personal coaches to international events abroad, in their build-up to the relevant international Championships, e.g. the 2017 IAAF World Championships. Unlike many other sports, ASA also cover the expenses of teams representing South Africa internationally.

ASA has noted that some athletes on the 2017 ASA Preparation Squad, chose to participate in other events rather than participating in the Speed Series.

Furthermore, ASA embarked on the preparation of Relay Teams to represent South Africa at the 2017 IAAF World Championships. It goes without saying that these relay teams must first qualify before they can be entered for the 2017 IAAF World Championships. Here again, ASA noted that athletes in the ASA National Preparation Squad did not avail themselves for Relay Training and/or Competitions, but chose to participate in events, other than the Speed Series.

ASA now has to reconsider its support to athletes on the ASA Preparation Squads whom chose to participate in events other than the Speed Series. This may also result in the exclusion of the mentioned athletes form ASA national teams to international events.

It is also a concern that the results of events in provinces are not submitted to the National Statistics Committee, resulting in the National Ranking lists not reflecting correctly. It is also a concern that ASA Records are eligibly been broken, but no application to ratify the ASA Record has been forthcoming from the relevant provinces.

As a result the integrity of the performances of the Athletes are been compromised. ASA Provinces are requested to attend to the above challenges as a matter of priority.

Athletics Greetings

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