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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, Commissions and Committees
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ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Dear ASA Members

Circular 36 of ASA 2018 (05/02) – 2019-2020 ASA ROAD RUNNING SELECTION CRITERIA DRAFT

For Road Running, the IAAF has adopted a universal system consisting of a Gold Label Status; Silver Label Status; and Bronze Label Status.

1. Based on the performances of road running athletes, the system will grade road running athletes with Gold Label Status; Silver Label Status; and Bronze Label Status.
2. Likewise, based on a set of criteria, Road Running Competitions are graded as competitions with Gold Label Status; Silver Label Status; and Bronze Label Status.
3. To assist South African Road Running Athletes, the ASA Road Running Commission has advised that the ASA Selection Criteria to select Road Running Teams to represent South Africa internationally must also be aligned with the IAAF Label Status.

Please find attached the amended ASA Road Running Selection Criteria for your perusal.

Members are kindly requested to scrutinize the amended ASA Road Running Selection Criteria, and respond back to ASA no later than 31 May 2018.

Based on your feedback a final draft will be presented at the ASA AGM on 23 June 2018 for adoption and implementation.

Your soonest feedback to ceo@athleticssa.net will be appreciated. Please keep your response short and to the point.

Athletics greetings

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2019 - 2020 ASA TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA – ROAD RACES
TO BE UPDATED ANNUALLY AFTER THE INTERNATIONAL SEASON CONCLUDED

1. PREAMBLE

- 1.1. This Selection Criteria is subject to the ASA Selection Policy as published on the ASA website www.athletics.org.za.
- 1.2. The sole purpose of this document is to provide ASA with an objective and transparent process to select teams that will represent South Africa in Athletics internationally.
- 1.3. To ensure further transparency during the selection process, an appeal process is also implemented. Please refer to the appeal clauses in this document.
- 1.4. Any ASA licensed athlete whom has been ranked in the Top 5 in South Africa in their respective events (see website www.athletics.org.za/statistics), and/or are selected to represent their province at the ASA National Championships, should obtain a passport.
- 1.5. Any ASA licensed athlete who participated at an ASA National Championships, in doing so, makes themselves available for selection for ASA teams representing South Africa.
- 1.6. Any athlete who has been selected to represent South Africa at any championships has the obligation to avail themselves for such selection.
- 1.7. Withdrawals will only be considered for medical/injury or family compassionate reasons. Proof might be requested by the ASA office.
- 1.8. Any athlete who has the potential to proceed to the top 10 at a championship should exploit that potential to the fullest.
- 1.9. Any athlete who qualifies to be in the top 10 of his/her event(s) should proceed to represent South Africa, thereby exploiting to the fullest the possibility of winning medals.
- 1.10. Any athlete who won a medal at any championships should respect the medal ceremony. During the medal ceremony, the athlete should be dressed in the team clothing; conduct them in a dignified manner; and wear the medal with dignity.

2. ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for selection in any ASA team, athletes must fulfil the following criteria:

- 2.1. Be a South African citizen (SA ID-document/number)
- 2.2. Be in possession of a valid SA passport with an expiry date not less than 6 months after returning from the specific championships

- 2.3. Be a member of a South African club, affiliated to ASA, and registered on the ASA registration system
- 2.4. Be in good standing with ASA, the Provincial Federation and the club he/she is affiliated to.
- 2.5. Athletes will be selected in accordance to the age restrictions to the relevant international championships
- 2.6. The relevant ASA Championships will serve as trials for the selection of ASA teams to international championships. At the ASA Championships athletes must compete in all the events in which they would like to be selected.**
- 2.7. The ASA Championships will be compulsory for all athletes who would like to be selected in any ASA team for international championships, and athletes who miss the ASA Championships will not be considered for selection. Exceptions will only be made for medical/injury or family compassionate reasons, communicated to the ASA office prior to the start of the SA Championships. These exceptions will be considered at the sole discretion of the Executive Board of ASA.
- 2.8. Athletes do not need to reach any qualifying standard at the SA Championships. Qualifying standards can be reached at any IAAF Label (Gold; Silver; Bronze) event or ASA approved meeting, conforming to the IAAF and ASA rules and regulations.

3. TECHNICAL STANDARDS

3.1. GENERAL

- 3.1.1. Performances must be achieved at competitions sanctioned by the IAAF, CAA, CAASR or ASA.
- 3.1.2. For ASA events only performances achieved at meetings listed on the approved ASA National and Provincial fixtures list will be accepted.

3.2. ROAD RUNNING CERTIFIED ROUTES

- 3.2.1. Marathon and Half Marathon Routes must be on the IAAF list of approved routes, measured by IAAF/AIMS A or B qualified route measurers.
- 3.2.2. Only performances on standard road running courses will be considered for selection purposes. Performances on aided and unrecognized road running courses will not be considered for selection purposes

4. PROCESS OF SELECTION OF ROAD RUNNING TEAMS

4.1. SQUAD

- 4.1.1. The Cross Country Squads and Half-Marathon Squads will also be considered for the Track and Field Squads in preparation for the IAAF World Championships.
- 4.1.2. For each team a squad of athletes may be announced even before the ASA Championships. Athletes that already achieved the qualifying standard and some athletes very close of qualification may be listed in the squad.

- 4.1.3. The purpose of the selected squad is to assist the ASA office with the team preparation and monitoring process.
- 4.1.4. Athletes in the squad will not necessarily form part of the preliminary team to be selected, even if they have achieved a qualifying performance.
- 4.1.5. Where squads are announced, and any athlete is not listed in the squad, he/she will have the right to appeal in writing for reconsideration of the decision of the selectors.
- 4.1.6. All appeals must be forwarded to the ASA office within 48 hours of the announcement of the squad and must include the following:
 - 4.1.6.1. Name of the athlete
 - 4.1.6.2. ID-number
 - 4.1.6.3. Name of the club and province where the athlete is registered
 - 4.1.6.4. ASA license number of the athlete
 - 4.1.6.5. Event to be considered
 - 4.1.6.6. Performance
 - 4.1.6.7. Date of Meeting
 - 4.1.6.8. Venue of Meeting
 - 4.1.6.9. Please note that no other information will be considered
- 4.1.7. After the closing date of appeals, no performance achieved before the announcement of the squad will be considered
- 4.1.8. Any qualifying performance achieved after the finalization of the squad might be included in the Preliminary Team.

4.2. PRELIMINARY TEAM

- 4.2.1. The Preliminary Team will normally be announced within one week after the ASA Championships.
- 4.2.2. Athletes will only be selected in the Preliminary Team if they achieved the ASA Qualifying standard, provided they are eligible for selection (see eligibility clause above).
- 4.2.3. The qualifying standard was achieved during the qualification period at an eligible meeting.
- 4.2.4. Any athlete not in the announced Preliminary Team, have the right to appeal in writing for reconsideration of the decision of the selectors.
- 4.2.5. All appeals must be forwarded to the ASA office within 48 hours after the announcement of the Preliminary Team and must include the following:
 - 4.2.5.10. Name of the athlete
 - 4.2.5.11. ID-number
 - 4.2.5.12. Name of the club and province where the athlete is registered
 - 4.2.5.13. ASA license number of the athlete
 - 4.2.5.14. Any information that the athlete considers relevant for reconsideration by the selectors of their decision

- 4.2.6. Please note that the appeal must be against the non-selection of the athlete and NOT against the selection criteria, qualifying standards or selection process.

4.3. FINAL TEAM

- 4.3.1. All qualified athletes will be considered in the selection of the Final Team.
- 4.3.2. The total number of athletes selected may be limited by:
- 4.3.2.15. The regulations set by the LOC of the International championships,
 - 4.3.2.16. Logistical reasons
 - 4.3.2.17. Budgetary constraints
- 4.3.3. The following factors, as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant by the selectors, will be considered in selecting athletes where more than the maximum number of athletes allowed have qualified:
- 4.3.3.18. Current form
 - 4.3.3.19. Future individual medal potential at major competitions
 - 4.3.3.20. Head-to heads
 - 4.3.3.21. Previous major competition history
 - 4.3.3.22. Injury status
 - 4.3.3.23. Position at the ASA Championships
- 4.3.4. Any athlete not in the announced Final Team, have the right to appeal in writing for reconsideration of the decision of the selectors.
- 4.3.5. All appeals must be forwarded to the ASA office within 48 hours after the announcement of the Final Team and must include the following:
- 4.3.5.24. Name of the athlete
 - 4.3.5.25. ID-number
 - 4.3.5.26. Name of the club and province where the athlete is registered
 - 4.3.5.27. ASA license number of the athlete
 - 4.3.5.28. Any information that the athlete considers relevant for reconsideration by the selectors of their decision

5. GENERAL CRITERIA FOR TEAMS

5.1. JUNIOR AND YOUTH ATHLETES IN SENIOR TEAMS

- 5.1.1. For marathon and ultra-marathons must be 20 years or older in the year of competition. No youth and/or junior athletes will be considered to represent South Africa in marathon and ultra-marathons
- 5.1.2. Athletes aged 18 or 19 years in the year of competition may compete in distances up to a Half-marathon (21.1km) in the senior or junior category
- 5.1.3. Athletes aged 16 or 17 years in the year of competition may compete in distances up to 10km in the youth, junior or senior categories.

5.2. ATHLETES YOUNGER THAN 16

- 5.2.1. No athlete younger than 16 years of age in the year of competition may be selected to represent South Africa.

- 5.3. For all Senior Teams the standard for the Selection Criteria for the 2020 Olympic Games will be the norm.
- 5.4. In the period leading up to 2020 (2017-2019) the A-Standard will be used to select teams to the IAAF World Championships, CAA African Championships and CAA SR Championships.
- 5.5. To create capacity, the B-Standard of the Selection Criteria will be used for the CAA African Championships and CAA SR Championships. In applying the B-Standard of the Selection Criteria, the ASA Selection Policy will be used as departure point
- 5.6. A maximum of 3 athletes may be selected in any individual event
- 5.7. In team competitions all team members must qualify at least on the B-standard
- 5.8. In team competitions at least 1-2 participating reserves will be selected. The reserves must also qualify at least on the B-standard.
- 5.9. Please note that all events might not be on the programme of the relevant championships and athletes will only be selected if the event is on the programme

6. EVENT SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR SENIOR TEAMS

Athletes can qualify in one of 4 ways:

- 6.1. **AUTOMATIC** - Automatically by achieving the IAAF Gold Label Status within the qualification period.
- 6.2. **POSITION** - Based on the finishing position at designated competitions in IAAF Silver Label Status within the qualification period.
- 6.3. **INVITED** – Athletes invited by the IAAF
- 6.4. **DISCRETION – On the discretion of the ASA Board, and based on the finishing position at designated competitions in on the IAAF Bronze Label Status within the qualification period.**

7. QUALIFICATION PERIODS FOR TEAMS

- 7.1. The qualifying periods to select South African teams to represent South Africa will be aligned with the IAAF Qualifying periods, and may be up to two years prior to the event the team is selected for. The qualifying periods will be adjusted in accordance with changes in the relevant IAAF entry/qualifying standards
- 7.2. The standards to select both men and women will be on equal levels
- 7.3. The IAAF Gold, Silver and Bronze Label System will be used as criteria to identify individuals and teams to represent South Africa internationally.
- 7.4. Athletes performing on the IAAF Gold label Status will obtain automatic selection to any team representing ASA**
- 7.5. The IAAF Silver Label Status will be the primary criteria to select teams to represent South Africa and will be called the “A” Standard**

7.6. The IAAF Bronze Label Status will be the secondary criteria to select teams to represent South Africa and will be called the “B” Standard.

7.7. The “B” Standard will only be used at the discretion of the ASA Board to address demographic imbalances e.g. to add more women where not enough women qualified for a team; to allow younger/upcoming talented athletes in a team to develop future medal contenders, etc.

7.8. In accordance with the IAAF Label System Multi-disciplined distances/times will be used e.g. in accordance with the IAAF Label System, half-marathon times can be used to select marathon athletes; 10km times can be used to select half marathon athletes, etc.

7.9. As example, in 2018 the Gold Label standards, and therefore automatic qualifiers for ASA teams were:

- 7.9.1. Marathon: 2:09:30 for men and 2:28:00 for women
- 7.9.2. Half Marathon: 61:00 for men and 70:45 for women
- 7.9.3. 10KM Road Race: 28:00 for men and 32:00 for women
- 7.9.4. 10,000m: 27:45.00 for men and 31:45.00 for women
- 7.9.5. 5KM Road Race: 13:30 for men and 15:00 for women
- 7.9.6. Top 25 finishers in the marathon at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games
- 7.9.7. Top 25 finishers in the marathon at the IAAF World Championships London 2017
- 7.9.8. Top 10 finishers in the 10,000m at the IAAF World Championships London 2017
- 7.9.9. Top 10 finishers in the 5,000m at the IAAF World Championships London 2017
- 7.9.10. Top 25 finishers at the IAAF World Half Marathon Championships Cardiff 2016
- 7.9.11. Top 25 finishers at the IAAF World Half Marathon Championships Valencia 2018
- 7.9.12. Top 25 finishers in the senior races at the IAAF World Cross Country Championships Kampala 2017
- 7.9.13. Winners of any IAAF Gold or Silver Label road race on or after 01.01.2016
- 7.9.14. Top 3 finishers at any marathon and half marathon valid as Area Championships held on or after 01.01.2016
- 7.9.15. Winners of any IAAF Cross Country Permit race on the 2017/2018 calendar
- 7.9.16. NB: The above performances will be adjusted in line with IAAF adjustments

7.10. As example, in 2018 the Silver Label standards were:

- 7.10.1. Marathon: 2:11:45 for men and 2:32:00 for women
- 7.10.2. Half Marathon: 62:00 for men and 72:00 for women
- 7.10.3. 10KM Road Race: 29:00 for men and 33:00 for women
- 7.10.4. 10,000m: 28:30 for men and 32:30 for women
- 7.10.5. 5KM Road Race: 13:45 for men and 15:30 for women
- 7.10.6. Winners of any IAAF Bronze Label road race on or after 01.01.2016
- 7.10.7. NB: The above performances will be adjusted in line with IAAF adjustments

7.11. As example, in 2018 the Bronze Label standards were:

- 7.11.1. Marathon: 2:13:45 for men and 2:36:30 for women

- 7.11.2. Half Marathon: 63:30 for men and 74:00 for women
- 7.11.3. 10KM Road Race: 30:00 for men and 35:30 for women
- 7.11.4. 10,000m: 29:30 for men and 34:45 for women
- 7.11.5. 5KM Road Race: 14:00 for men and 15:45 for women

8. OLYMPIC GAMES - TOKYO, JAPAN – 24 JULY 2020 – 9 AUGUST 2020

- 8.1. The Final Team will be selected and announced by SASCOC according to SASCOC selection principles
- 8.2. A maximum of 3 athletes will be selected for any individual event
- 8.3. The qualifying period for marathon will be from 1 January of the preceding year up to 3 weeks prior to the start of the relevant championships.
- 8.4. The following will be the minimum qualification standards for the Olympic Games:

MINIMUM CRITERIA TO SELECT THE TEAM TO THE 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES

2020 OLYMPIC GAMES		
TOKYO, JAPAN – 24 JULY 2020 – 9 AUGUST 2020		
Men	Event	Women
IAAF/SASCOC Standard		IAAF/SASCOC Standard
	Marathon	

- 8.5. All athletes that achieved the qualifying standard, or are very close to achieving the qualifying standard, will be included in the Squad after the 2019 IAAF World Championships. Appeals for inclusion in the squad must be lodged within 48 hours after the Squad was announced.
- 8.6. Participation in events as prescribed by ASA in the period leading up to the Olympic Games will be a prerequisite for selection in the Preliminary Team
- 8.7. The Preliminary Marathon Team may be announced even before the 2020 ASA Senior T&F Championships. Appeals for inclusion in the Preliminary Team must be lodged within 48 hours after the Preliminary Team was announced.
- 8.8. Depending on invitations, participation in least two of the scheduled IAAF/ASA Label Competitions in the marathon or half-marathon, during the qualifying period, will be a prerequisite for selection
- 8.9. Selection in the Preliminary Team does not guarantee selection in the Final Team
- 8.10. The Final Team, as selected by ASA, will be forwarded to SASCOC for approval
- 8.11. SASCOC will announce the Final Team on a date still to be confirmed