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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
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ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

ASA CIRCULAR 15 OF 2019 - IAAF UPHOLDS RUSSIA'S BAN FROM ATHLETICS INTO 2019

Dear ASA Members

There appears to be some confusion among members regarding the status of Russian athletes.

The following quote reflects the IAAF's position on the status of Russian Athletes:

“Russian athletes will remain banned from international competitions after the IAAF upheld the country's suspension into 2019.

Athletics' governing body banned Russia in November 2015 because of evidence of state-sponsored doping.

The ban will remain in place until samples and data from Moscow's former anti-doping laboratory are made available.”

It came to ASA's attention that some individuals in South Africa are contracting Russian Athletes to participate for clubs in South Africa. These clubs enter the Russian Athletes in South African Races.

Some individuals also try to confuse members regarding athletes from Russia. These individuals claim that not all Russian athletes are banned. ASA's position is clear. If the individual is an athlete, and the individual carries a Russian passport, the athlete is subject to the IAAF ban of Russia.

Members must note that the above practices compromise the integrity of ASA internationally and may lead to the suspension of ASA from international competition.

ASA Members are kindly requested to identify the clubs at fault and conduct a disciplinary hearing, and if found guilty, the club should be suspended.

Where a Russian athlete is found running with a South African license, the license must be revoked, pending a disciplinary hearing. Please refer to CIRCULAR 120 of 2018 - ADHERING TO ASA LICENSING CONDITIONS

Where Athlete Representatives or Coaches are implicated of entering Russian Athletes in South African races, such individuals must be reported to ASA.

Your co-operation regarding the above will be appreciated.

Athletics greetings

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