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FREE STATE ATHLETICS AND CHEETAHS RUGBY JOIN HANDS FOR SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA

Fans in the City of Roses will be treated to a sports extravaganza next week Saturday when the Free State Stadium in Mangaung hosts the Athletics Grand Prix and a Pro 14 rugby match between the Toyota Cheetahs and Welsh team, the Dragons.

In a first for the two sports in the province, the multi-code festival will open with a curtain raiser rugby match at 5pm, followed by the much-awaited opening leg of the Athletics Grand Prix Series at 5.45pm which is scheduled to end at 7.15pm.

The timing of the end of the athletics programme is meant to give enough time to sports fans to walk a few feet to the rugby side of the stadium and settle down on their seats in time for the 7.35pm kick off.

This thrill-a-minute package between athletics and rugby was initiated to fulfill the hunger of the sports-mad Free State fans who adore both Athletics and Rugby, and is also meant to cement the brotherhood between the two provincial sporting entities.

With a nominal fee on offer, one ticket will allow fans free movement to watch Athletics and Rugby.

Athletics South Africa (ASA) also disclosed that elite entries for the Athletics Grand Prix meeting will be announced closer to the event.

“This is history in the making,” said Aleck Skhosana, the President of ASA. “Having the major federations hosting elite events side-by-side in Free State can only be good for the province and the country. We hope other provinces and federations can collaborate in programmes that will enhance the spectators’ appetite to go to the stadiums by offering packages that will excite the whole family.

“We are looking forward to our athletes coming to participate in the Athletics Grand Prix meeting in Mangaung before heading to Potchefstroom for the second leg a week later on 18 April. These two legs will be a prelude to the Sizwe Medical Fund & 3SixtyLife ASA Senior Track & Field and Combined Events Championships to be held at Germiston Stadium, Johannesburg on 25-27 April.”

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EVENT INFORMATION:

<u>Date:</u>	Saturday, 13 April 2019
<u>Venue:</u>	Free State Athletics Stadium Free State Rugby Stadium
<u>Time:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics: 17:45 (starts) / 19:15 (ends) • Rugby: 17:00 curtain raiser match/19:35 Cheetahs v Dragons
<u>Entry Fee:</u>	R60 (Main pavilion) R40 (open stand) R20 (varsity scholars and students) Free (Children under 7 to collect their tickets at the gates or ticket office) One ticket allows one to watch Athletics and Ruby for price of one.
<u>Ticket Points:</u>	Toyota Stadium Online at www.fscheetahs.co.za - Tickets already available on sale
<u>Parking:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toyota motor vehicles are parking for free inside the stadium, limited space available • R20 for the open space (next to the Tourism Centre and Waterfront parking area)
<u>Events:</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Athletics Grand Prix, Leg 1 2. Toyota Cheetahs v Dragons

ASA Social Media Forums

- Website - Athletics South Africa:
www.athletics.org.za
- Website Event - Programme/Team lists/Draws / Start Lists/Results/:
www.asajuniors18.co.za
- Instagram - asa_athletics_south_africa:
https://www.instagram.com/asa_athletics_south_africa/
- ASA YouTube Channel – Athletics South Africa:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFaR-GJl3yHJnQL8WFjkFAA>
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