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### **RELAYS PITS SA AGAINST FOUR OTHER COUNTRIES AT ATHLETICS GRAND PRIX, MANGAUNG**

Athletics South Africa has expressed delight at hosting four other countries who will be competing at the Athletics Grand Prix Series which kicks off in Mangaung on Saturday (tomorrow) evening.

The one hour and 30 minutes Track and Field thriller starts at 5.30pm and the programme boasting high level competition, will come to a close at 7.15pm.

With this being a year of the IAAF World Championships (28 Sep – 6 Oct Doha, Qatar), the stakes are high and the battle of athletes to meet their respective qualifying criteria and improve the quality of performance, has commenced.

The first leg in particular, has put the cat amongst the pigeons attracting Botswana, Kenya, Lesotho, Mauritius and Kingdom of Eswatini on the fray.

While these countries will also contest the individual categories, it is the relay part of the series that the countries will show their class and potential to pull down the programme's curtain at 7.15pm with the battle in the Senior Women 4x100m Relay Final and Senior Men Final 4x100m Relay.

"The Athletics Grand Prix has lived up to its expectations, proving once again that it is a superior class competition," said Aleck Skhosana, President of ASA. "We are excited as a country, as a region and as a continent when we interact our athletes coaches at home. There is also the frenzy of sharpening or trying to qualify for the IAAF World Relays (11-12 May) in Yokohama, Japan.

"Once again, we have proven as a country and region that we can continue to attract top athletes and coaches to Southern region. We look forward to the full series whose second leg will be at Kenneth McArthur Stadium in Potchefstroom, North West which will now be on Wednesday 17 April, instead of Thursday."

Aleck SKHOSANA (President)	Dr Harold ADAMS (Vice President)	Jakes JACOBS (Chair Cross Country)	James MOLOI (Chair Road Running)
Pieter LOURENS (Chair Track & Field)	Dorah MNGWEVU (Chair Athletes)	Ntathu GWADISO (Additional)	Motlatsi KEIKABILE (Additional)
Esther MALEMA (Additional)	Shireen NOBLE (Additional)	Jazz MNYENGEZA (USSA Rep)	William MOKATSANYANE (SASA Rep)
			<b>Honorary Members:</b>
			Mervyn KING
			Mluleki GEORGE

Sports fans in the city will be treated to a sports extravaganza on 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 special partnership between the two sports entities where you watch both sporting codes for the price of one.



**EVENT INFORMATION:**

<b><u>Date:</u></b>	Saturday, 13 April 2019
<b><u>Venue:</u></b>	Free State Athletics Stadium Free State Rugby Stadium
<b><u>Time:</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athletics: 17:45 (starts) / 19:15 (ends)</li> <li>• Rugby: 17:00 curtain raiser match/19:35 Cheetahs v Dragons</li> </ul>
<b><u>Entry Fee:</u></b>	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 the price of one.
<b><u>Ticket Points:</u></b>	Toyota Stadium and Online at <a href="http://www.fscheetahs.co.za">www.fscheetahs.co.za</a> - Tickets already available on sale
<b><u>Parking:</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toyota motor vehicles park free inside the stadium, but limited space available</li> <li>• R20 for the open space (next to the Tourism Centre and Waterfront parking area)</li> </ul>
<b><u>Events:</u></b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Athletics Grand Prix, Leg 1</li> <li>2. Toyota Cheetahs v Dragons</li> </ol>

- *Competition website: [www.asagp.co.za](http://www.asagp.co.za) and already hosting team lists, and programme. Draws will be available from Friday (today) evening.*
- *Please take note that, the President, **Aleck Skhosana** and Vice-President, **Dr Harold Adams** will be out of the country from 12 - 21 April 2019.*
- *In their absence kindly note that **James Moloj**, Chairperson of the Road Running Commission will act as President of Athletics South Africa.*

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## **ASA Social Media Forums**

- Website - Athletics South Africa:  
[www.athletics.org.za](http://www.athletics.org.za)
- Website Event - Programme/Team lists/Draws / Start Lists/Results/:  
[www.asagp.co.za](http://www.asagp.co.za)
- Instagram - asa\_athletics\_south\_africa:  
[https://www.instagram.com/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>
- Facebook - Athletics South Africa:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Athletics-South-Africa-1660894007461450/>

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