

CHAPTER 7 - ASA NATIONAL TEAM DECLARATION – 2020+ ASA RULES AND REGULATIONS



ASA NATIONAL TEAM DECLARATION

The signing of this document is a prerequisite before any person becomes an official member of ASA and/or the South African Team.

1. In signing the declaration below, I confirm that I understand:

- 1.1. I, being an Athlete or official/office bearer or part of Team Management, was selected in accordance with the ASA Selection Policies, Principles, and Criteria, to represent South Africa in the sport of Athletics. For more information please refer to the ASA Website www.athletics.org.za/criteria.
- 1.2. I have the right to discuss my selection to represent South Africa with the ASA Athletes Commission and/or with the ASA Excellence Department. Their contact details are listed on the ASA Website www.athletics.org.za/contact us.
- 1.3. That my information may be submitted to the IAAF and ASA Athletics Integrity Unit, as well as SAIDS and SASCOG for tracking purposes. For further information, please read the ASA Athletics Privacy Policy in the ASA Rules and Regulations on the ASA Website www.athletics.org.za/Technical.
- 1.4. That my images in South African Colours, in any form or format, can be used by ASA for ASA related marketing and commercial purposes on any communication medium or platform. For further information, please read the ASA Athletics Privacy Policy in the ASA Rules and Regulations on the ASA Website www.athletics.org.za/Technical.
- 1.5. That the manner in which I communicate and conduct myself on any medium or platform, can compromise my position on the team. For further information, please read the ASA Athletics Broadcasting, Advertising And Social Media Guidelines in the ASA Rules and Regulations on the ASA Website www.athletics.org.za/Technical.
- 1.6. That with reference to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, I understand that as a member of a National team, I have not only rights, but also duties and obligations, and appreciate that there may be reasonable limitations on my rights. I understand that it is important to maintain a balance between my rights and the rights of the team at all times. For further information, please read the Chapter on Human Rights in the ASA Rules and Regulations on the [ASA Website www.athletics.org.za/Technical](http://www.athletics.org.za/Technical).
- 1.7. I should be in possession of an ASA License for the relevant year. I confirm that the License Declaration was signed, and I respect the conditions of the ASA License. For further information, please read the ASA Rules and Regulations related to licensing on the ASA Website www.athletics.org.za/Technical.

2. I further understand that I need to adhere to the conditions listed below:

- 2.1. My support team e.g. Coach, Athlete Representative, Guardian, Custodian, medical team, etc. must contribute to my readiness to represent South Africa, and failure of my support team in this regard can lead to my removal from the team. I understand that the manner in which my support team communicate and conduct themselves on any medium or platform, can compromise my position on the team.
- 2.2. If I withdraw from any event, or competition at any stage of the competition, I will be withdrawn from the entire competition. I understand that ASA reserve the right to implement further remedial actions after the competition, should I fail in any way to participate in the relevant event unless there are compelling reasons for my withdrawal.
- 2.3. I shall avail myself when required for team meetings, training sessions, opening and closing ceremonies. Failure to avail myself may lead to my withdrawal from the team
- 2.4. If I (as athlete) have the potential to progress to the finals of my event(s) at any championships, than I must exploit that potential to the fullest. I understand that failure to exploit my potential to the fullest, may impact on my selection onto future teams.
- 2.5. **In other countries, or among members of the team:**

- 2.5.1. I must always carry a legal form of identification such as a South African Passport, and must present it when asked to do so.
- 2.5.2. Other social values apply and my actions may be regarded as offensive to the citizens of that country, and that my actions may lead to legal action in accordance of the laws of that country.
- 2.5.3. Male members of the team are not allowed in the rooms of female members of the team and vice versa.
- 2.5.4. Competition clothing must be confined to the competition environment.
- 2.5.5. Social wear, when in the public domain, outside the competition environment must adhere to the social and ethical values of the country being visited at the time of the event.
- 2.5.6. The appearance of the team, both collectively and individually, must be neat at all times and must adhere to general ethical values of the South African society, and the relevant country, where applicable.

2.6. Fluids, substances and medication:

- 2.6.1. I am not allowed to be in possession of alcohol or any illegal substances for the duration that the team is together, and that I am not allowed to smoke, drink alcohol or take in any illegal substances while wearing Athletics South Africa gear.
- 2.6.2. I must be cautious when taking in, or have in my possession, any fluids, substances, and/or medication that is not cleared by the team doctor.
- 2.6.3. The intake of any medicine prior to the team gathering must be declared. I understand that if I use illegal medicines or substances prior to the championships, that I will be withdrawn from the team with immediate effect.
- 2.6.4. If I take medicines prescribed by a doctor, I must present a copy of the doctor's prescription to the team doctor prior to departure, whom will retain it in his/her possession at all times for the duration the team is gathered.

2.7. Discipline:

- 2.7.1. The Team Management acts on behalf of the ASA Board, and have the right to conduct hearings for those who do not adhere to the rules of relating to a member participation at any event. Their decisions will be binding.
- 2.7.2. If I, or any member of my support team, declare a dispute with ASA, or any member of the Team, and do so by not following the relevant constitutional processes, I will be withdrawn from the team until the relevant disciplinary process is concluded.
- 2.7.3. If I am found guilty of misconduct such as stealing, damage to property, any form of discrimination, intolerance against their fellow human beings, etc., I will be withdrawn from the team with immediate effect and disciplinary action will follow later.
- 2.7.4. I must take responsibility over my own personal belongings at all times. Team Management or ASA will not be held accountable for any lost goods.
- 2.7.5. Due to practical reasons the team must remain together for the duration of the competition. Failure to do so may lead to my immediate removal from the team.
- 2.7.6. If my actions lead to my removal from the team, I will be sent back to South Africa and the related expenses will be for my personal account.

I declare that I have read and will adhere to the above declaration and conditions.	
Name & Surname: _____	Contact number: _____
Name of Championships: _____	
Athlete signature: _____	Date signed: _____