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2015 KZNA TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

- This document sets out the guidelines by which KZN Athletics will select track & field teams for the following national events: ASA sub-youth (14/15), youth (16/17), junior (18/19) & U23 championship to be held in Bloemfontein from the 9th to the 11th of April 2015

** Please note that ASA has not yet confirmed if there will be a sub-youth (14/15 years) and U23 championship in April. As soon as ASA confirmed their decision, KZNA will notify clubs and athletes.*

- ASA senior championship to be held in Stellenbosch on the 17th & 18th of April 2015

Aims

The aim of Kwa-Zulu Natal Athletics' Selection Policy for the SA Sub-Youth, Youth, Junior, U23 and Senior Championships, is to enter a quality team to represent KZN. The policy is aligned with the ASA Strategic Plan (2013-2016). and specifically aims to facilitate the following outcomes:

- Selecting athletes that are realistic medal contenders at national champs,
- Selecting athletes that are realistic top 8 finishers at national champs,
- Providing major Championships experience to potential future Olympic and World Championships contenders,

All athletes who wish to be considered for Selection into the KZN Team for the ASA Championships,

GENERAL

i) Participation at the 2015 KZN championship is **COMPULSORY** for an athlete to be considered for selection to ASA national events.

ii) Should an athlete not be able to participate at KZN champs due to injury, it will be the athlete/coach's responsibility to notify KZNA of the nature of the injury

BEFORE the KZN champs. Failing to adhere to the rule will deem an athlete ineligible for selection due to non-participation at KZN champs.

iii) Only qualification performances achieved from 1 January 2015 till KZN champs will be taken into consideration.

iv) Only KZNA sanctioned events will be considered for selection purposes. School events cannot be considered as these events are not organized under the auspices of KZN Athletics.

v) Performances outside the province will be considered given that it was an ASA (or IAAF) sanctioned event (school events can't be considered).

vi) Only track performances timed electronically will be considered.

vii) Performances achieved in mixed (including male and female participants) track and field events will not be accepted. Only mixed track events from 5000m and longer will be accepted.

viii) Wind assisted performances will not be accepted. This ruling applies to short sprints/hurdles, longjump and triple jump.

ix) There are NO MINIMUM league requirements for entering KZN champs or being eligible for KZNA team selection. Minimum requirement is participation at KZN champs. However, participation at leagues will give selectors a track record of your performances.

x) The KZNA board reserves the right to expand or limit the final KZNA team selection. Changes will be in line with selection criteria set out below.

AUTOMATIC SELECTION

ONLY the top 2 (TWO) athletes in the FINAL of an event at the KZN Champs, that qualify with an "A" standard in the final, will automatically be selected. Bronze medalists that achieve an "A" standard in the final, may be CONSIDERED, but is not an automatic selection.

FURTHER SELECTION CRITERIA

Only once the automatic qualifying athletes have been reviewed, will the selectors compliment the team based on the following sequence criteria:

i) Bronze medalists and other athletes that achieve an "A" standard in the final at KZN champs, will be CONSIDERED

ii) ANY athlete who achieves the "A" standard during the season, but does not achieve the standard at KZN Champs, must then be a medalist at the requirement at KZNA Champs to be CONSIDERED for selection.

iii) Any athlete that fails to medal at the KZN champs, but produced consistent "A" standard performances during the season (including KZN champs during heats/semi-finals), will be CONSIDERED for selection.

iv) Should NO athletes achieve the "A" Standard during the season or at KZN champs for an event, then a maximum of TWO (2) Athletes achieving the "B" standard in the finals and being the Gold & Silver Medalists at KZNA Champs, will be CONSIDERED.

v) Any medalist at KZN Champs who do not achieve an "A" standard during the season or finals and did not achieve a "B" standard in the KZN champs final, will only be CONSIDERED if he/she achieved the "B" standard at least TWICE during the season

vi) Relay teams will only consist of athletes that are already in the KZNA team based on individual performances. Discretion can be used i.e. 4 x 400m relays.

viii) The Selection panel has the FINAL decision on Selections of Individuals and Relay Teams

KZNA SELECTION COMMITTEE/KZNA TRACK & FIELD COMMISSION

