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MEDIA STATEMENT: Notice to cheating athletes.

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TO: ALL MEDIA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

KwaZulu-Natal Athletics has issued a firm warning to aspirant #Comrades2024 athletes who have submitted “false qualifying information” to the Comrades Marathon Association, ahead of this year’s race on Sunday, 9 June 2024.

This is in line with the provincial athletics federation’s zero-tolerance policy towards those found to be submitting false qualifying details in order to participate in the 97th edition of the Comrades Marathon or any other event. The “false qualifying information” amongst others include:

1. Submitting a qualifying time to Comrades Marathon Association knowing very well you did not run that time (you ran a slower time).
2. Submitting a qualifying time to Comrades Marathon Association knowing very well you did not run at all, but someone ran the Race on your behalf, and you submitted that time as yours.

Athletes have until **16h00 on Monday, 27 May 2024** to withdraw any false qualifying information. Should any athlete fail to withdraw the “false qualifying information” the athletes may upon found guilty be banned from participating in athletics events in KwaZulu-Natal and possibly in South Africa.

KZNA President, Steve Mkasi has advised runners that harsh disciplinary measures will be taken by the Federation against any participant who is found to have submitted such false information.

Mkasi says, “It is incumbent on each one of us, be it road running officials or runners, to uphold the ethos of road running and maintain the integrity of the sport. We call on all athletes to do the right thing. We have requested our sister Federations from other provinces to issue a stern warning to their members as well.”

*****ENDS*****

Statement issued by KwaZulu-Natal Athletics on Friday, 24 May 2024

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