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KWAZULU-NATAL ATHLETICS

KWAZULU-NATAL ATHLETICS MEDIA STATEMENT: 04 June 2024

TO: ALL MEDIA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RE: ATHLETES WHO CHEATED QUALIFYING TIMES FOR COMRADES MARATHON 2024

On the 24th May 2024 KwaZulu-Natal Athletics issued a firm warning to aspirant #Comrades2024 athletes who submitted “false qualifying information” to the Comrades Marathon Association, ahead of this year’s race on Sunday, 9 June 2024. KZNA gave athletes a deadline of the 27th May 2024 to withdraw their names from the Comrades Marathon 2024.

We are pleased to announce that out of 169 athletes that had supplied “false qualification information” approximately 148 have since withdrawn their entries. According to evidence that has been presented to KwaZulu-Natal Athletics, the athletes in the list attached, supplied false qualifying information to Comrades Marathon Association in order to secure an entry for the Comrades Marathon 2024.

Steve Mkasi on the issue said: “KZNA regard this behaviour as a very serious misconduct particularly after the athletes have been warned and were afforded an opportunity to retract their entries. This conduct undermines the efforts made thus far in developing and promoting our beautiful running sport. This misconduct brings the sport of running into disrepute, therefore these athletes amongst other things will be named and shamed and be banned from participating in the 2024 Comrades Marathon. We would like to thank the Clubs and athletes who cooperated with the investigation.”

The said athletes are as follows:

Name	Club
Anthony Naguriah	Team Vitality CG
Malebo Manyala	Teemaneng Running Club
Garth Pillay	Totalsports VOB Running Club
Ivy Mthombeni	Correctional Services LIM
Kabelo Moremi	Slyza AC GN
Katai Chola	Zambian Entrant
Mandlakayise Mabaso	N/A
Moses Jabulani MAKHOPA	Run Zone
Musonda Kabemba	Lusaka Fitness Squad

President: S Mkasi; **Vice President:** M Mngomezulu; **Chairperson Athletes:** S Mthembu; **Chairperson Cross Country:** S Ndlovu; **Chairperson Road Running:** R Khanyile; **Chairperson Track and Field:** K Buthelezi.
Additional Members: A Naicker; T Mazibuko; P Hlongwane; S Dlamini; N Nxumalo.
Associate Members: M Ngcobo; N Khumalo; S Hutchinson

Nqobile Mhlanga	Arcadia Running Club GN
Premjith Ramsurup	Mount Edgcombe Villages KZN
Pule Mokoena	Meyerton AC
Themba E Motha	Run Walk for Life NWN
Thembi Masotla	Airports Company of SA
Veekay Ndamase	SAPS Striders Border
Nhlanhla MLITWA	Waterfall AC
Babalo MVULA	Chillie Running Club Border
Henry Mvelase	Escourt AC
Kumar Govender	Mount Edgecombe Villagers
Moleboheng Mamorena MDALANA- MAYISELA	Soweto Cabal AC
Alnord Mtshali	SAPS KZN AC

*****ENDS*****

Statement issued by KwaZulu-Natal Athletics on Friday, 04 June 2024

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