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KWAZULU-NATAL ATHLETICS

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TO: ALL MEDIA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RE: CHEATERS IDENTIFIED IN #Comrades2024

Provincial athletics federation KwaZulu-Natal Athletics (KZNA) has taken a firm stand against cheating in road running events. This comes on the back of the recently hosted 97th edition of the Comrades Marathon earlier this month.

After a lengthy investigation KZNA has confirmed that the following athletes have been found to have cheated at the 2024 Comrades Marathon.

Name	Club	Notes
Thanascelan Padayachee	Hollywood AC	Missing timing splits at Rob Roy and Ashburton
Absalom Sibusiso Ntuli	SWEET SOLES AC	Missing splits at Umlaas Road, Ashburton and Mkondeni
Kgomotso Makhubu	CITY OF JOBURG	Peter Bogatsu male ran on behalf of Kgomotso female; photo evidence available
Peter Bogatsu	N/A	Ran Comrades 2024 with race number 53222 which belongs to a female Kgomotso; photo evidence available
Vhafunani Tshishonga	NEDBANK RUNNING CLUB CG	Missing splits at Winston Park and Rob Roy (allegedly ran through Pinetown in 1h28)
Gerard Siebritz		Illegally participated as a wheelchair athlete in Comrades 2024 without entering the event

KZNA President Steve Mkasi says, "Investigations will continue and further announcements will be made in due course. We appeal to athletes to uphold the ethos and rules of all road running events in the province and elsewhere."

Mkasi also commended the Comrades Marathon Association for innovative ways of identifying cheats to ensure that athletes conform to race rules.

*****ENDS*****

Statement issued by KwaZulu-Natal Athletics on Friday, 28 June 2024

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