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CIRCULAR 37 OF AGN 2026 – PROHIBITION OF UNSANCTIONED EVENTS AND PARTICIPATION IN ILLEGAL RACES

Dear AGN Members

Athletics Gauteng North (AGN) has become aware that certain individuals and organisations are conducting unsanctioned long-distance running events that are deliberately scheduled in conflict with officially sanctioned AGN and Athletics South Africa (ASA) fixtures. It has further come to the attention of the Province that participation fees are being charged to registered athletes for these events, thereby exploiting athletes and undermining the regulated structures, governance, and integrity of the sport.

AGN regards such conduct as unacceptable and contrary to the rules and regulations governing athletics. The Province therefore wishes to make it unequivocally clear that participation in events that are not officially sanctioned by AGN and recognised by the appropriate athletics structures is strictly prohibited.

Prohibition of Participation: All registered athletes are strictly prohibited from participating in any event that has not been officially sanctioned by AGN and recognised by the appropriate athletics structures. Athletes are strongly cautioned against supporting, promoting, or paying entry fees for any unsanctioned event.

Conflict with Official Events: Any event organised in opposition to, or in direct conflict with, officially sanctioned AGN or ASA fixtures shall be regarded as an act of misconduct and a direct challenge to the authority and governance of the Province.

Illegal Collection of Entry Fees: The collection of participation or entry fees from athletes for unsanctioned events is considered improper, exploitative, and detrimental to the interests of athletes and the sport as a whole.

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Sanctions Against Athletes: Any athlete found participating in an unsanctioned event may face immediate suspension, withdrawal of their licence, and/or formal disciplinary proceedings in accordance with AGN and ASA regulations.

Club Responsibility: Clubs whose athletes participate in, support, or promote such events may be held accountable and may face disciplinary action, suspension, or additional sanctions as determined by AGN.

Organisers of Unsanctioned Events: Any individual or organisation found to be organising or facilitating unsanctioned events may be subject to formal disciplinary action, reporting to the relevant authorities, and further legal consequences where applicable.

Effective Date: This directive takes immediate effect.

AGN remains committed to protecting the integrity of the sport, ensuring athlete safety, and upholding proper governance and regulatory compliance within athletics. Any action that undermines official competitions, compromises athlete welfare, or exploits athletes financially will be dealt with decisively.

All stakeholders are hereby instructed to comply with this directive without exception.

Yours sincerely



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