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The President
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Dear Mr. Jacobs

RE: SASSCO Feedback on Issues

We have received more information from the athletes regarding the issues of the late entries which offer additional explanation. From the previous information sent, the entries were sent through to SASSCO on the 10th, 16th and 23 of April. The attached documents provide more clarity on what happened between the 23rd of April and the 8th of May when the athletes were entered by SASSCO.

Please find attached the following documents:

13 - This is the letter dated 2 April appointing the lawyer to act on behalf of SATRA. Due to Protocol, the athletes could not send their entries directly to SASSCO as it had to be sent by SATRA. It explains why the entries were sent by the lawyer as he was acting on behalf of SATRA.

14- Affidavit for Urgent Interdict. When the athletes were not entered prior to the closing date of the 26th, the lawyer compiled an affidavit to enable the lodging of an Urgent Interdict to compel SASSCO to enter the athletes.

15-Please see the e-mail and date of the affidavit as e-mailed by the lawyer to the athletes on 6 May

16- An advocate was appointed by SATRA and the athletes to represent them in Court for the Urgent Interdict. I am told that at this stage there were telephonic discussions between the advocate of SATRA and the advocate of SASSCO around the dates of the 7-8 May. The outcome was that SASSCO then agreed to enter the athletes. We are awaiting the documentation from the advocate to confirm this in writing.

17- Email sent by SATRA lawyer dated 8 May to the athletes indicating the outcome of the agreement between the advocates and requesting the athletes to send their entry forms to SASSCO.

18- Email from one of the athletes dated 8 May confirming the process

Summary

From the documents provided it can be seen that SASSCO received the entry forms sent to them on 3 occasions by the lawyer acting on behalf of SATRA and did not act upon it. SASSCO only agreed to enter the athletes on 8 May after they had compiled an affidavit, appointed an advocate and was about to lodge an Urgent Interdict.

Due to the actions of the SASSCo the athletes are proceeding with claims for damages. As you know, there is also the case where one of the athletes will be taking the Exco of SASSCO to court for defamation of character. This case is scheduled for August 2017 and preparations will start in March.

In the interest on the sport, I would like to appeal to SASSCo to consider how the relationship between SASSCO and our senior athletes could be normalised. One option would be to request SASSCO to mediate between the athletes and SASSCo.

Please let me know what you propose. The SATRA Exco is available to meet with you to discuss how this can be resolved.

Best regards.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pienaar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial 'P' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Johan Pienaar

Secretary.