



**AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN SPORTS
CONFEDERATION AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (SASCOC)**

AND

SOUTH AFRICAN BASEBALL UNION (SABU)

AND

SOFTBALL SOUTH AFRICA (SSA)

ON THE SELECTION OF ATHLETES FOR THE

OLYMPIC GAMES TOKYO 2020

24 JULY – 9 AUGUST 2020

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1. ELIGIBILITY OF ATHLETES

For an athlete to be eligible for selection for Team South Africa to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games delivered by the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC), the athlete shall satisfy the under-mentioned General Eligibility Criteria:

The Athlete shall:

- 1.1 Be a South African Citizen with a valid Republic of South Africa (RSA) ID and Passport (with a six months' minimum expiry (expiring on or after 10 February 2021), as at the conclusion of the Games); and
- 1.2 For baseball, athlete must reach his 18th birthday any time prior to the start (Technical Meeting) of the event; and
- 1.3 For softball, the athlete must reach her 16th birthday any time prior to the start (Technical Meeting) of the event; and
- 1.4 Be a member in good standing with the National Federation and SASCOC; and
- 1.5 Not be under any investigation or suspension for any offence (including but not limited to doping) during qualification period, as well as subsequent selection period; and
- 1.6 Not have competed for any country other than RSA within a three-year period prior to being considered for selection for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games; and
- 1.7 Adhere to and comply with all of SASCOC's Constitution, Rules and Regulations of their National Federation and International Federation, and any other Rules or Regulations as stipulated by Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee of the Olympic Games; and
- 1.8 Have competed at the NF's National Championships in 2019 and/or 2020, unless exempted from participation in writing by the NF due to medical reasons, overseas professional contracts or overseas college attendance as approved by the NF; and
- 1.9 Adhere to and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 (the Olympic Games).

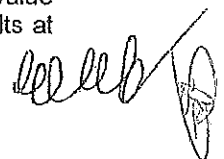
2. ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICIALS

For officials to be eligible as Coaches or Team Leaders/ Code Managers, for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, they shall satisfy the following criteria:

The officials shall:

- 2.1 Be a member in good standing with the relevant NF; and
- 2.2 Not be under suspension for any offence during the selection period; and
- 2.3 Have a proven track record in the position they are recommended for and shall have demonstrated a level of competence acceptable to SASCOC. Where there is no track record, the NF shall motivate to SASCOC for such official to be considered; and
- 2.4 SASCOC shall consider officials recommended by NFs taking into consideration the country's transformation agenda in terms of previously disadvantaged individuals (racial and gender representivity); and
- 2.5 Comply and uphold the SASCOC Constitution, IOC Charter currently in force, Rules and Code of Conduct of the NF and IF; and
- 2.6 In case of coaches, SASCOC may consider foreign coaches based on the value add to the NF and the proven track record the coach has in delivering results at

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- international events. The NF however, shall have to show a skills transfer and succession plan for the development of South African Coaches; and
- 2.7 Foreign and local personal coaches shall be registered with and affiliated to the respective NF; and
 - 2.8 Senior NF officials (Executive Committee/ Board members, CEO, COO, GM) are not eligible for consideration for selection as coaches or team leaders.

3. SELECTION CRITERIA

Over and above the General Eligibility Criteria, SASCOC, and SABU and SSA agree on the following sport-specific selection criteria for selection of athletes:

Men

- 3.1 SASCOC will consider selection of the team if direct qualification is attained at the 2020 Final Qualification event; AND
- 3.2 Continental qualification slot will only be considered if the Team is ranked 1st on the African Continent and attained at the combined Africa/Europe Olympic Qualification Tournament, AND
- 3.3 Deadline for qualification - **30 May 2020**

Women

- 3.4 SASCOC will consider selection of the team if direct qualification is attained at the 2018 Women's Softball World Championships; AND/ OR
- 3.5 Continental qualification slot will only be considered if the Team is ranked 1st on the African Continent and attained at the combined Africa/Europe Olympic Qualification Tournament, AND
- 3.6 Deadline for qualification - **31 July 2019**

4. TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

- 4.1 It is specifically recorded that as SASCOC does not qualify for any tripartite invitation places, therefore, none will be available.

5. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

- 5.1 It is specifically recorded that in the event of any reallocation or wild card places, being allocated or offered to South Africa, such reallocation or wild card will not be taken up by SASCOC, as this does not constitute direct qualification.

6. SELECTION APPEALS/ DISPUTES

- 6.1 No party (SASCOC, NF, Athlete/Team) shall approach the High Court to resolve selection appeals/ disputes; AND
- 6.2 Should an Athlete/ Team have a query with the selection process, they will lodge their appeal with the NF; AND
- 6.3 The NF will exhaust all its internal selection appeals processes in line with the NF Constitution/ Rules and Regulations; AND


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- 6.4 The NF will communicate the outcome of the appeal process to SASCOC for mediation; AND
- 6.5 Should there be no favourable conclusion reached, the process will go to Arbitration; AND
- 6.6 Should the arbitration process not be favourable to either party, the IOC will be consulted; AND
- 6.7 The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland) shall be the last step in the resolution of selection appeals/ disputes.
7. This agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall together constitute one and the same instrument; and
8. It is specifically recorded that irrespective of the provisions referred to in Clauses, 1, 2 3, 4, 5 and sub clauses above, final confirmation of selection and participation for Team South Africa shall solely vest with SASCOC.



MARC MOREAU
President: SABU

Date: 22 July 2019



MASHILO MATSETELA
President: SSA

Date: 22 July 2019



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PRESIDENT: SASCOC

Date: 01 / Aug 2019

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