



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

**AND**

**VOLLEYBALL SOUTH AFRICA (VSA)**

**ON THE SELECTION OF ATHLETES FOR THE**

**OLYMPIC GAMES TOKYO 2020**

**24 JULY – 9 AUGUST 2020**

## 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 athletes 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 Be a member in good standing with the National Federation and SASCOC; and
- 1.3 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
- 1.4 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
- 1.5 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
- 1.6 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; and
- 1.7 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**).

### Additional IF Eligibility Criteria – Volleyball

- 1.8 To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, all athletes must comply with the requirements set out in Articles 1 to 5 FIVB Volleyball Sports Regulations.

### Anti-Doping Requirements

- 1.9 The FIVB will only allow the registration of athletes who have been tested between the period 29 June 2018 until 29 June 2020.

### Additional IF Eligibility Criteria – Beach Volleyball

- 1.10 The minimum age for a Beach Volleyball athlete is 14 years old, on the first day of the competition at the Olympic Games. All athletes participating in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 must therefore be born on/or before 26 July 2006.
- 1.11 To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, all athletes must comply with the requirements set out in Chapter 1 (Status of Players) of the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sport Regulations and Article 5 FIVB Volleyball Sports Regulations and with the rules of the FIVB.
- 1.12 To be eligible to represent an NOC that has been allocated a quota place through the FIVB Beach Volleyball Olympic Qualification Tournament, the 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships or the Olympic Ranking List of 15th June 2020, all athletes must have participated as an individual in a minimum of 12 of the following events: the FIVB Beach Volleyball Olympic Qualification Tournament; the 2019 FIVB Senior World Championships; FIVB World Tour 1\*-5\* events; recognised Continental Tours Finals, scheduled from 1st September 2018 until 14th June 2020.



- 1.13 To be eligible to represent an NOC that has been allocated a quota place through the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup Final or the Host Country Places, all athletes must have participated as an individual in a minimum of 12 of the following events: the FIVB Beach Volleyball Continental Cups (each phase counts as one event); Recognized Competitions: Continental Tours, National Tours, Zonal Tours; FIVB Competitions as defined in the FIVB Handbook, scheduled from 1st June 2018 until 28th June 2020.

#### **Anti-Doping Requirements**

- 1.14 The FIVB will only allow the registration of clean athletes who have been tested during the qualification period starting 1st June 2018 and ending 28th June 2020 (the "Qualification Period").

## **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 the NF 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 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 VSA agree on the following sport-specific selection criteria for selection of athletes:

### **VOLLEYBALL**

#### **Men/ Women**

- 3.1 SASCOC will consider selection of athletes if qualification is attained directly through the FIVB 2019 World Olympic Qualification Tournament, AND/OR
- 3.2 Qualification through the Continental Olympic Qualification Tournaments will only be considered if the team is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> on the continent and in the Top 8 in the World Rankings; AND
- 3.3 Deadline for qualification – **12 January 2020.**

## BEACH VOLLEYBALL

### Men/Women

- 3.4 SASCOC will consider selection of athletes if qualification is attained directly through the FIVB 2019 World Championships, OR
- 3.5 FIVB Olympic Qualification Tournament, OR
- 3.6 FIVB Olympic Ranking List of **15 June 2020**; OR
- 3.7 Qualification through the Continental Cup shall only be considered if ranked 1<sup>st</sup> on the continent and in the Top 18 in the World Rankings; AND
- 3.8 Deadline for qualification – **15 June 2020**.

### 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

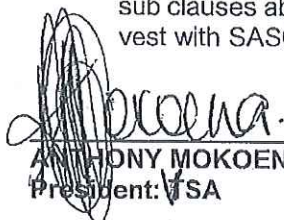
- 5.1 It is specifically recorded that in the event of any reallocation or wild card places, being allocated or offered to South Africa, such reallocation or wild card will not be taken up by SASCOC.

### 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
- 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 Clause 3 and its sub clauses above, final confirmation of participation for Team South Africa shall solely vest with SASCOC.

  
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Date: 14/07/2019