

## **ATHLETICS OMNIBUS – COMPILER A TOP 10 PERFORMANCE LIST**

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#### **1. WHY MUST PERFORMANCE LISTS BE COMPILED?**

As a member of the International athletics family, Athletics South Africa has an obligation to supply the IAAF, AAC and other organisations with accurate performance statistics of athletes participating in South Africa. This performance statistics must be available on a regular basis. It is therefore very important that South Africa keep an accurate record of the performances of our top athletes.

To ensure that the gathering and preparation of statistics in South Africa is done accurately, each province must have a statistics committee in place that prepares performance statistics of the athletes in its province in the form of a Top 10 Performance List.

There should be a Performance list in every official event in athletics as listed in the IAAF Rule Book, as well as all official events take takes place at development levels that serve as feeders to Selectors for International Competitions such as the IAAF World Junior and Youth Championships.

Only performances of athletes that participate at credible competitions e.g. competitions listed on the IAAF, ASA and Provincial Events Calendars can be considered for listing on the Performance Ranking Lists. The performances of all athletes participating in the 100m are listed according to the quality of the performance. The fastest time will be listed as the no. 1 performance, and the slowest time will be listed at the bottom of the Performance List.

The Performance Lists must be prepared in a standardised format to smoothen the task of providing the statistics to the IAAF.

Due to the volume and range of information that must be processed, the persons dedicated to prepare the statistics must have a high sense of responsibility and commitment to prepare the statistics with 100% accuracy according the required format.

Any mistake in the statistics can lead to athletes not selected to represent their province or country, overlooked for merit awards, etc. with obvious disastrous consequences for the athlete and the sport.

#### **2. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF TOP 10 PERFORMANCE LISTS?**

- 2.1. To assist selectors with the selection of representative teams
- 2.2. To determine which athletes need recognition in the form of merit awards, incentives, etc.
- 2.3. To prepare progress reports on the state of athletics in the provinces and South Africa
- 2.4. To market the sport by using the statistics to profile an athlete.
- 2.5. To compare the standard of athletics in a specific event with the standard in other provinces, countries, etc.
- 2.6. To advise athletes what standard is required to achieve success at national level?
- 2.7. To motivate athletes to achieve a higher ranking in the next competition
- 2.8. To determine which events needs to be developed.

#### **3. THE RESULTS OF WHICH COMPETITIONS MUST BE USED WHEN COMPILING PERFORMANCES LISTS?**

- 3.1. All events where an athlete represent South Africa on behalf of ASA, SASSU and USSASA
- 3.2. ASA National Championship Events of ASA, SASSU and USSASA
- 3.3. International events listed on the IAAF Events Calendar.
- 3.4. National events listed on the ASA Events Calendar.

- 3.5. All National and International Marathon Events
- 3.6. All meetings during window periods to qualify for ASA Teams
- 3.7. Provincial Championship Events of ASA, SASSU and USSASA
- 3.8. Regional Championship Events of ASA, SASSU and USSASA
- 3.9. Club league meetings listed on the Provincial Events Calendar

#### 4. WHO MUST COMPILE AND MAINTAIN PERFORMANCE LISTS?

- 4.1. ASA must compile and maintain a performance lists of the Top 10 Athletes in every event in South Africa. This list will be called the "ASA Top 10 Performance List".
- 4.2. Each Province must compile and maintain a performance lists of the Top 10 Athletes in every event in its province. This list will be called the "Provincial Top 10 Performance List".

#### 5. WITH REFERENCE TO THE TABLE BELOW, EACH COLUMN OF THE TOP 10 PERFORMANCE LISTS SHOULD BE COMPLETED AS FOLLOWS:

- 5.1. Column 1 indicates the ranking of the athlete
- 5.2. **Perform.** indicates the performance of the athlete e.g. 45,99 for an 400m athlete
- 5.3. **Wind** indicates the Wind Reading at the time of the event e.g. + 1,71 or – 0,4. It is only relevant to the following events: 80m - 200m, 70m - 300m Hurdles, Long Jump and Triple Jump.
- 5.4. Wind reading symbols used:
  - 5.4.1. +1 = The + symbol means a wind from behind during the competition (the wind assisted the athlete) and the 1 means the wind speed was 1 metre per second.
  - 5.4.2. -2 = The – symbol means a wind from the front during the competition (the wind disadvantaged the athlete) and the 2 means the wind speed was 2 metre per second.
  - 5.4.3. nwr implies no wind reading (The reading is not official and can not be used for selection purposes)
- 5.5. **Pos.** indicates the position of the athlete in the race e.g. 3sf (3 = position; sf = semi-final)
- 5.6. Symbols used:
  - 5.6.1. 4h The athlete was 4<sup>th</sup> in the heat when the performance was recorded
  - 5.6.2. 1Q The athlete was 1<sup>st</sup> in the qualifying round when the performance was recorded
  - 5.6.3. 2 qf The athlete was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the quarter final when the performance was recorded
  - 5.6.4. 3f The athlete was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the final when the performance was recorded
  - 5.6.5. + Intermediate time in longer races e.g. 1500m time during a 1 mile race
  - 5.6.6. = A tie between two or more athletes
  - 5.6.7. A A performance at 1000m or higher
  - 5.6.8. D Performance during a decathlon competition
  - 5.6.9. O A performance during an octathlon competition
  - 5.6.10. H A performance during a heptathlon competition
  - 5.6.11. P A performance during a pentathlon competition
  - 5.6.12. Exh A time during an exhibition event
  - 5.6.13. i A performance in an indoor competition
  - 5.6.14. mx A performance during a mixed men's and women's competition
  - 5.6.15. pb The athletes personal best performance
  - 5.6.16. w A wind assisted performance
  - 5.6.17. \* A performance converted form yards to metres
- 5.7. **First name** in full indicates the full first name of the athlete e.g. Mandla

- 5.8. **Surname** indicates the Surname of the athlete e.g. Nkosi
- 5.9. **Prov.** Indicates the province where the athlete is licensed
- 5.10. **Birth** indicates the date of birth in the following order: 01/10/1973
- 5.11. **Venue** indicates the venue where the performance took place e.g. Bala Bala
- 5.12. **Date performed** indicates the date that the performance took place e.g. 15/03/2002
- 5.13. **EVENT INDICATES** e.g. 400m
- 5.14. **WEIGHT/HEIGHT** indicates the weight of the implement or equipment e.g. a 4kg implement was used for Shot Put Youth Girls or the height of the hurdle implement was 91,4cm in the 110m Hurdles for Youth Boys
- 5.15. **GENDER CATEGORY** indicates e.g. Senior Men or Women; Junior Men or Women; Youth Boys or Girls
- 5.16. **AGE CATEGORY** indicates e.g. Senior; u/23; u/20; u/18; u/16; u14; u12; u/10

#### EXAMPLE OF A NATIONAL TOP 10 PERFORMANCE LIST

<b>EVENT:</b> 100m		<b>WEIGHT/HEIGHT:</b> NA			<b>GENDER CATEGORY:</b> JUNIOR MEN			<b>AGE CATEGORY:</b> U/20	
	Perform.	Wind	Pos	First name	Surname	Prov	Birth	Venue	Date
1	10.46	-.0.0	4	Paul	Gorries	EP	280281	Potchefstroom	050299
	10.56	+1.5	1s		Gorries			Germiston	070499
	10.58	-.0.6	1		Gorries			Germiston	070499
2	10.61	-0.6	2	Colin	Dreyer	BOL	140680	Germiston	070499
3	10.62	+1.5	2s	Deon	Du Toit	WP	110680	Germiston	070499
	10.66	-0.6	3		Du Toit			Germiston	070499
	10.69	-.0.0	5		Gorries			Port Elizabeth	220299
4	10.75	-0.6	4	Malcolm	Thonga-Hopps	AGN	170180	Germiston	070499
5	10.78	+1.4	1s	Daniel	Mahlangu	MP	070681	Pretoria	270399
6	10.81	-0.6	5	Clint	Hendrickse	BOL	181280	Germiston	070499
7	10.82	+0.6	6	Johan	Hurn	NWN	170781	Germiston	070499
8	10.85	+0.4	1	Alwyn	Myburgh	VT	131080	Germiston	200399
9	10.86	+1.5	3s	Petri	v Blommestein	AGN	260180	Germiston	070499
10	10.86	+1.5	2h	Andre	Hendricks	SWD	231181	Germiston	070499

#### Hand timed (No wind information)

	10.6		1	Clinton	Venter	MP	140480	Secunda	130399
	10.6		2	Daniel	Mahlangu	MP	070681	Secunda	130399
	10.8		3	Johan	Swartz	MP	300181	Secunda	130399
	10.9		4	Johan	v Loggerenberg	MP	270280	Secunda	130399
	10.8		1	Don	Treeby	AGN	220981	Pretoria	130399

#### Wind assisted (Allowance: + 2.00)

	10.53	+5.2	2	Colin	Dreyer	BOL	140680	Vygieskraal	300199
	10.67	+5.1	1	Clint	Hendrickse	BOL	181280	Parow	160199
	10.78	+2.2	6	Petri	v Blommestein	AGN	260180	Pretoria	130299

#### No wind-readings available

	10.69		1	Henry	van Wyngaardt	CGA	140480	Roodepoort	130399
	10.70		2s	Malcolm	Thonga Hopps	AGN	170180	Germiston	060499
	10.74		3s	Clint	Hendrickse	BOL	181280	Germiston	060499
	10.78		2	Ruan	Veldman	CGA	210681	Roodepoort	130399
	10.80		4	Johan	Hurn	NWN	170781	Germiston	070499
	10.81		3	Kelvin	Gwexela	VT	210381	Roodepoort	130399
	10.82			Malcolm	Thonga Hopps	AGN	170180	Germiston	050399

**6. TOP 10 PERFORMANCES SHOULD BE RECORDED OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:**

EVENT	AGE CATEGORY							
	SUB-YOUTH U/16		YOUTH U/18		JUNIOR U/20		SENIOR	
	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W
80m								
100m	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
200m	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
400m	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
800m	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1200m								
1500m	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3000m	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
5000m					✓	✓	✓	✓
10000m					✓		✓	✓
70m H								
75m H								
80m H								
90m H		✓						
100mH	✓			✓		✓		✓
110mH			✓		✓		✓	
200m H								
300m H	✓	✓						
400mH			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1500m Sc	✓							
2000m Sc			✓					
3000m Sc					✓	✓	✓	✓
4 x100m relay	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4 x 400m relay					✓	✓	✓	✓
1000m Medley Relay	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Long Jump	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
High Jump	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Triple Jump			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pole Vault	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Shot Put	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Discus Throw	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Javelin Throw	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hammer Throw	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pentathlon		✓						
Heptathlon	✓			✓		✓		✓
Octathlon			✓					
Decathlon					✓		✓	
1500m Race Walk								
5km Race Walk	✓	✓		✓				
10 km Race Walk			✓		✓	✓		
20 km Race Walk							✓	✓
50 km Race Walk							✓	✓
5km Road Race								
10 km Road Race					✓	✓	✓	✓
21,1 km Road Race					✓	✓	✓	✓
Marathon Road Race							✓	✓

**7. HOW TO SET UP A NETWORK OF STATISTICS RESOURCES**

- 7.1. Gather contact details of all provincial statistics committees as well as the statistics committees of associate members.
- 7.2. Establish a working relationship with the statistics committees to send statistics to competitions at provincial, regional and zonal level to ASA.
- 7.3. Standardise the format of submitting statistics to ASA.

- 7.4. Update the ASA ranking lists on the ASA web side and keep it up to date on a weekly basis.
- 7.5. Establish internet links between the ASA web sites and the web sites frequently used by ASA for gathering statistics such as the IAAF Ranking list, Aims Ranking list, Finnish ranking list and the Greek ranking lists.
- 7.6. Add all results of ASA Championships events on the ASA web side.
- 7.7. Add all results of the following international events on the ASA web side:
  - 7.7.1. Southern Region of the AAC Championships and zone 6 Championships including the results of the ASA Associate Members.
  - 7.7.2. AAC Championship Events
  - 7.7.3. IAAF Championships Events
  - 7.7.4. Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and African Games Championships
- 7.8. Open a file on the ASA web site for summarised CV's of all athletes who represented South Africa internationally and keep them up to date.

## **8. WHAT SHOULD THE CONTENT OF A STATISTICS BOOK BE**

The contents of the ASA Statistics book will be updated annually and published in January of each year. The ASA Statistics book will contain the following information:

- 8.1. Index
- 8.2. Message from the ASA President
- 8.3. Names and contact detail of Asa Statistics Committee
- 8.4. ASA roll of honour consisting of:
  - 8.4.1. Medal winners at Olympic Games
  - 8.4.2. Medal winners at Commonwealth Games
  - 8.4.3. Medal winners at All Africa Games
  - 8.4.4. Medal winners at IAAF World senior, junior and youth Championships
  - 8.4.5. World records held by South African senior, junior and youth athletes
  - 8.4.6. Positions seated by South African officials on ASA approved international organisations
  - 8.4.7. List of national Athletes
- 8.5. ASA and international fixtures list of the relevant year
- 8.6. ASA selection criteria for international competitions of the relevant year
- 8.7. Records for official seniors, sub-seniors, juniors and youth events listed as follows:
  - 8.7.1. Olympic Games record
  - 8.7.2. Commonwealth Games Record
  - 8.7.3. All Africa Games Record
  - 8.7.4. IAAF World Record
  - 8.7.5. AAC Record
  - 8.7.6. Southern region of AAC Record
  - 8.7.7. ASA Record
  - 8.7.8. Open (All-Comers) Record
  - 8.7.9. World Indoor record
- 8.8. The following ranking lists should be recorded:
  - 8.8.1. IAAF top 50 world senior ranking list of the previous year (All disciplines of Athletics)
  - 8.8.2. World top 50 junior ranking list of the previous year (All disciplines of Athletics)
  - 8.8.3. World top 50 youth ranking list of the previous year (All disciplines of Athletics)
  - 8.8.4. ASA top 50 senior ranking list of the previous year (All disciplines of Athletics)
  - 8.8.5. ASA top 50 junior ranking list of the previous year (All disciplines of Athletics)
  - 8.8.6. ASA top 50 youth ranking list of the previous year (All disciplines of Athletics)
  - 8.8.7. Averages of the top ten performances in IAAF official events the last 10 years in the categories senior, junior and youth

## STATISTICS RECORD

PROVINCE: \_\_\_\_\_ ASA CHAMPIONSHIPS: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ VENUE: \_\_\_\_\_

### MINIMUM STANDARD FOR PARTICIPATION AT AN ASA CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENT:

1. The Provincial Champion in each event must be enrolled for the ASA Championships irrespective the performance level of the athlete.
2. All Athletes who performed 800 points or higher on the ASA Scoring Tables at the Provincial Championships can be enrolled.
3. All Athletes who performed 900 points or higher on the ASA Scoring Tables at any event e.g. ASA Series, club meeting, etc can be enrolled.
4. Athletes not selected onto the Provincial team can be enrolled by the province as an individual provided that no advertisements of personal or club sponsors is visible on any part of the athletes clothing or body.
5. Age restrictions are subject to the ASA Competition Rules for the relevant event.

EVENT e.g. 400m: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER CATEGORY e.g. Men / women: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE CATEGORY e.g. junior (u/20): \_\_\_\_\_

	Performance e.g. 45,99	Wind e.g. +1.71	Pos. e.g. 3sf	Surname e.g. Nkosi	First name in full e.g. Mandla	Date of birth e.g. 01/10/1973	Venue e.g. Pretoria	Date Performed e.g. 15/03/2002
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