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Dear ASA Members

Circular 54 of ASA 2016 – THE USE OF RACE NUMBERS AMENDED IN 2017

During the ASA Council Meeting held on 22 October 2016, ASA President Mr Aleck Skhosana, reported to the ASA Council that the practice of Race Numbers, replacing ASA Permanent and Temporary Licenses during events listed on ASA Provincial Fixtures, has become problematic.

Mr Aleck Skhosana explained at the mentioned ASA Council meeting that sponsors pay a substantial amount of money for the right to advertise on the ASA Licenses.

The practice of Provincial Race Organizers covering ASA Licenses, with their own sponsored licenses, has now resulted in the ASA Sponsor questioning the value of its investment in ASA.

It goes without saying that the withdrawal of ASA Sponsors will reduce the capacity of ASA to deliver on its Constitutional mandate.

ASA is therefore revising the ASA Domestic Rules for 2017, related to ASA License numbers.

The revision of the mentioned domestic rules is intended to protect the property of ASA and the related investment in it.

Please find attached the proposed changes of the mentioned ASA domestic rules.

An updated 2017 ASA Domestic Rules Draft 2c will be forwarded to you in due time for your perusal.

Athletics greetings

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EXTRACTED FROM 2017 DRAFT 2C ASA DOMESTIC RULES
(Amendments in red and underlined)

2. Permanent Licences, Special Number Bibs and Temporary Licenses

2.1. Permanent Licenses

2.1.1. Permanent Licenses are the licenses issued by ASA through the Provincial Athletics Members to club members.
2.1.2. Permanent Licenses remain the property of ASA at all times irrespective if the number was issued by a province or club.
2.1.3. Permanent licenses are issued from 1 January to 30 September of the relevant year. After 31 September, athletes without licenses must obtain Temporary Licenses until the new season start, and obtain a permanent license for the new season.
2.1.4. Permanent Licenses expire on 31 December each year.
2.1.5. Where an athlete changes the province of domicile during a calendar year, they may retain their license until it expires. They may however only count for the club issuing the licence in any team competition. Alternatively the athlete must be registered and licensed by a club in the province of their new domicile. The new license can only be issued if the athlete presents a clearance letter from his/her previous club/province in terms of ASA rule 5
2.1.6. In accordance with ASA Rule 5, a National Athlete shall be issued their licence by the ASA Province where they are domicile. They shall NOT be issued a licence by the club they join/represent.
2.1.7. In all events (except for pole vault and high jump, where only one may be displayed) it is compulsory to wear both license numbers, one on the front and one on the back of the upper body clothing. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of the athlete.
2.1.8. Where a Photo Finish or Transponder System is in operation, athletes may be required to wear additional identification.
2.1.9. An athlete's permanent licence bib are under any circumstances transferable.
2.1.10. An athlete wearing only one Permanent License bib will be disqualified.

2.2. Special License Bibs (Relevant to National Events only)

2.2.1. License Numbers are the property of ASA. ASA Members must issue and apply License Numbers in the format as issued by ASA.
2.2.2. Only ASA can replace License Numbers with Special License Bibs, in consultation with the ASA License sponsor. Such events which will replace License numbers with Special License Bibs will be listed on the ASA Fixtures List.
2.2.3. Special license bibs can only be used for the event permission was obtained for.
2.2.4. Meeting organisers wishing to provide one or two special number bibs can only do so after the event was registered on the ASA National Fixtures list.
2.2.5. Meeting organisers wishing to provide one or two special number bibs must submit their bib design through the provincial office to ASA for approval.
2.2.6. Permission to issue Special License bibs must be obtained from ASA before 31 October of the preceding year. A levy will be charged by ASA and must be paid in advance before such permission will be granted.
2.2.7. The ASA rights associated with Licenses, including Special Licenses, remain the property of ASA. Any variation to the image of the Special License bibs, not agreed upon in writing, the Competition Organizer will be subject to penalties,

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over and above the levy, as decided by the ASA Board. If the Competition Organizer fail to honour this penalty the host province will be held liable.

2.2.8. Where Competition Organisers require a special number bib to be worn, the athlete must comply.

2.2.9. The Special number may replace the Permanent License or cover the permanent license. Where the permanent license is removed, the athlete must be able to present the Permanent License on request by the Organizer/Referee. Failing to present the permanent license on request, will lead to disqualification of the athlete.

2.2.10. The special license bibs are under no circumstances transferable.

2.2.11. When only one special number bib is provided it must be worn on the front and the other ASA licence number must be displayed on the back of the upper body clothing.

2.3. Competition/Race Number Bibs/Stickers

2.3.1. Competition/Race Numbers/Stickers are used by Organizers to differentiate between athletes e.g. in a Road Race athletes participating in a 10km race or 21.1km race on the same route at the same time, Organizers may use competition/race numbers, or any other form of identification to differentiate between athletes.

2.3.2. Organizers may not replace ASA license numbers with Competition/Race Numbers/Stickers under no circumstances. Where Competition/Race Numbers/Stickers are used in provinces, the Competition/Race Numbers/Stickers must be placed either above or below the ASA License number. Athletes who fail to adhere to this rule will be disqualified. Organizers who fail to adhere to this rule will be penalized, which may include losing eligibility status.

2.3.3. In the case of Photo Finish the number identification will be number stickers and will be matt black letters on a white background. The sticker, of adhesive type will be placed on the side of the short in full view of the Photo Finish System. The number must be a minimum of 10cm high with the lettering a minimum of 8cm high.

2.3.4. In the case of Transponder identification, an electronic chip may be mounted on the top of the shoe or woven into the license/race number.

2.3.5. Organizers using Competition/Race Numbers/Stickers do not have to apply for permission to use Competition/Race Numbers/Stickers in their events. Technical Delegates/Referees needs to be briefed of the use of Competition/Race Numbers/Stickers in advance.

2.3.6. Special license bibs can only be used for the event permission was obtained for.

2.3.7. Where Competition Organisers require a Competition/Race Numbers/Stickers to be worn, the athlete must comply.

2.3.8. Competition/Race Numbers/Stickers are not transferable under any circumstances.

2.3.9. When only one Competition/Race Numbers/Stickers is provided it must be worn on the front.

2.4. Temporary Licences

2.4.1. To enable unlicensed athletes to compete in sanctioned competitions, and to cater for licensed athletes who left their licence number(s) at home, temporary licences may be issued subject to the following conditions: -

2.4.2. Temporary licenses are only valid for the competition for which they were issued.

2.4.3. If two temporary license numbers are issued, one must be worn on the front and one on the back of the upper body clothing. If only one temporary license number

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is issued it must be worn on the front of the upper body clothing; except for pole vault and high jump where only one need be displayed either on the front or on the back of the upper body clothing.

2.4.4. When two Competition/Race Numbers/Stickers are issued, unlicensed athletes must still pay for the temporary licence numbers, and display them.

2.4.5. When one Competition/Race Number/Sticker is issued it must be worn on the front.

2.4.6. Provinces/Organisers must provide the necessary administration and facilities to enter temporary licensed athletes. Where temporary licenses were not provided/sold, the province will have the right to estimate the number of temporary licenced athletes participating and invoice the organizer accordingly.

2.4.7. The host province in whose area the meeting takes place may levy an additional fee over and above the entry fee when issuing temporary licenses.

2.4.8. Athletes taking out temporary licenses must sign an indemnity accepting the conditions of the meeting organisers and the rules of ASA. Where Organizers fail to provide indemnity forms to the participants/officials, the organizer will be held liable for any claims related to the event.

2.4.9. Athletes with temporary licenses must adhere to the advertising rules of the IAAF and ASA.

2.4.10. A temporary license may not be issued to an ineligible athlete.

2.4.11. A temporary license cannot be issued to athletes participating in events listed under Rule 1 A & B. Note: Athletes participating at this level are entered by clubs and provinces and should be members of a club before entering for the mentioned events.

2.4.12. Holders of temporary licenses will be eligible for individual prizes but may only claim age group prizes if they;

2.4.12.1. have entered the relevant age category, and

2.4.12.2. are wearing the necessary age category tags; and

2.4.12.3. can prove their age by one of the official means, on the day of the race.

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