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: LEARNER ENRICHMENT COORDINATORS

: ALL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

FROM : DDG: CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (CMD)

SUBJECT : UPDATE ON SCHOOLS ATHLETICS PROGRAMME 2023

DATE : 13 FEBRUARY 2023

This memo bears reference:

A. BACKGROUND:

1. During the last term of each year, primary and secondary school athletics events take place allowing learners to develop skills, gain opportunity to express themselves, improve physical and mental health.
2. It is in the interest of the department to reduce learner exposure to social ills in order to build functional and performing schools.
3. In the context of resource constraints, the department has to devise new ways of dealing with the limited resources for its inclusion.

B. UPDATE ON BUDGET AVAILABILITY AND PROGRESS MADE:

4. The Department has managed to secure a budget that will be utilised for the year 2023 school athletics, and an approval on accessing this budget has been received.



- Due to the nature of the sourced budget item, the funds will not be decentralised to districts, like before, but will be centralised at head office, for easy and quick access, and the reason being that virement process will take longer, and that will delay the procurement processes.
6. All districts will be guided by the learner enrichment officials, head office, to prepare procurement documents that will be centrally processed.
 7. Prompt submission of complete procurement documents per district and their authenticity will assist in facilitating the process of generating orders so as to meet the deadlines.
9. The athletic events are scheduled to take place as follows:

No	Date and Type of Event
a)	23 rd to 28 th Jan 2023 last date for Primary and Secondary Schools Athletics Championships in all schools (Inter-house participation)
b)	4 th to 11 th Feb 2023 last date for all Zones, Circuits and CMCs Championships in selecting their teams and schools should be assisting in funding.
c)	17 th Feb 2023 last date for Primary Schools Athletics Championships by all 12 Districts.
d)	18 th Feb 2023 last date for Secondary Schools Athletics Championships by all 12 Districts.
e)	2 nd to 4 th March 2023 Provincial Secondary Schools Athletics Championships in Gqebera (NMU).
f)	10 th to 11 th March 2023 Provincial Primary Schools Athletics Championships in Mthatha (WSU).
g)	2 nd to 5 th March 2023 National Secondary Schools Athletics Championships in Germiston (Gauteng Province).
h)	19-21 st March 2023 National Primary Schools Athletics Championships in Kwazulu Natal Province.
i)	5 th to 9 th May 2023 International COSSASA Track and Field Athletics Championships (Ages 13, 15 & 17 boys and girls), venue TBC.

10. Logistics of schools, circuit and CMC teams will be the responsibility of the schools. District teams will be catered for by the budget sourced by the head office.



11. Participants must meet the qualifying standards as contained in the participating manual, and advisedly should not exceed eighty (80) per team per district.

12. Kindly note that age groups for primary schools, for both genders, are under 10, 11, 12, and the contingent for the national trip consists of the maximum of one hundred and twenty (120) athletes.

13. The identified one hundred and twenty (120) athletes should meet the qualifying standards, three (03) general managers, four (04) team managers, four (04) coaches, five (05) technical officials, five (05) departmental officials, giving a total of one hundred and forty-one (141) participants.

14. Secondary schools age groups for both genders are under 15, 17, 19 and this contingent includes Mentally Mild Handicap (MMH). Learners with Special Educational Needs (LSEN) will also consist of under 14, 15, 17 and 19 years, and Deaf learners consisting of under 14, 15, 17 and 19 years. The contingent for the trip consists of one hundred and forty (140) athletes' maximum.

15. All athletes should meet the qualifying standards, three (03) general managers, four (04) team managers, four (04) coaches, five (05) technical officials,

16. There are twenty (20) LSEN (MMH) athletes including team managers and coaches and twenty (20) Deaf athletes, six (06) MMH team managers and coaches and seven (07) deaf team managers and coaches including two (02) interpreters, five (05) technical officials, five (05) departmental officials giving a total of two hundred and twenty-one (221) participants.

C. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

17. As a policy imperative, all schools in the Eastern Cape Province are expected to participate in at least five (05) codes of sport. A budget is allocated yearly to schools (% from the norms and standards), districts and head office to run these activities.

18. Furthermore, all schools should fill registration forms which are already out to schools as they were distributed through both district coordinators and the head office through emails. These forms are expected to come back to the provincial office by end November each year, but extended to end January 2022 due to technical challenges experienced.

19. Consent forms should be signed by all parents before learners depart from their areas to hosting venues, including trips from the Eastern Cape to other Provinces in the country and even internationally as indicated above.



20. The above plan minimizes health and safety risks for the learners by setting up standards for accommodation and meals, and also complying with regulations for transporting learners.

21. In the light of the above exposition, districts are advised to monitor, support and guide schools on policy related issues.

It is further emphasised that the schools should be discouraged in collecting money in the form of affiliation without authorization by the Head of Department (HoD). **Therefore, affiliation fee by schools is prohibited.**

22. For any further clarity on the above issues contact the following Provincial sport coordinators:

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