



SOUTH AFRICAN MODERN PENTATHLON ASSOCIATION

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To: SAMPA Athletes, Parents, and Guardians

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Subject: SA TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT - BIATHLE

2026 UIPM Biathle World Championships - Funchal, Madeira, Portugal

Dear Athletes, Parents, and Guardians

Following the successful South African Championships held in KwaZulu-Natal from 2 to 5 July, SAMPA is pleased to announce the athletes who have qualified for selection to the South African Team travelling to Funchal, Madeira, Portugal for the Biathle World Championships.

This announcement represents a proud moment for South African modern pentathlon, our Provinces, coaches, families and athletes. The performances delivered at SA Championships reflected commitment, courage and the steady work that has been done throughout the season. We congratulate every athlete named below and thank our clubs and coaches for developing and supporting athletes on the national pathway.

The following athletes have qualified for the SA Biathle Team:

Para Athlete (2 athletes)

Athlete	Age Group	Sport/s
Aaron Putz	Para Athlete	Para-Biathle
Bernie Manzoni	Para Athlete	Para-Biathle

Under 11 (17 athletes)

Athlete	Age Group	Sport/s
Adrian Lopes	Under 11	Biathle
Aila Cilliers	Under 11	Biathle
Alexia Ras	Under 11	Biathle
Chante Benson	Under 11	Biathle
Demi Scholl	Under 11	Biathle
Harrison Williams	Under 11	Biathle
Karlo Marais	Under 11	Biathle
Kayla Fouche	Under 11	Biathle
Lealdo Wessels	Under 11	Biathle
Lenike Van Den Berg	Under 11	Biathle
Lukas Van Wyngaard	Under 11	Biathle
Lumay De Beer	Under 11	Biathle
Misha Meyer	Under 11	Biathle
Pierre Cook	Under 11	Biathle
Riley Adams	Under 11	Biathle
Steven Palvi	Under 11	Biathle
Stian Gericke	Under 11	Biathle



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Under 13 (25 athletes)

Athlete	Age Group	Sport/s
Annabelle Van Onselen	Under 13	Biathle
Bailey Bowman	Under 13	Biathle
Bella Ayekun	Under 13	Biathle
Bramwell Whitehouse	Under 13	Biathle
Caitlin Lombard	Under 13	Biathle
Daniel Van Wyngaard	Under 13	Biathle
Emma Von Mollendorff	Under 13	Biathle
Estevan Wessels	Under 13	Biathle
Grace Stols	Under 13	Biathle
Helena Lourens	Under 13	Biathle
Hilton Vos	Under 13	Biathle
Johane Jacobs	Under 13	Biathle
Kari Gericke	Under 13	Biathle
Karmi Cook	Under 13	Biathle
Kaylyn Blair	Under 13	Biathle
Leame Plath	Under 13	Biathle
Leandi Hattingh	Under 13	Biathle
Markú Zak Loubser	Under 13	Biathle
Marli Strydom	Under 13	Biathle
Mikyle Joubert	Under 13	Biathle
Neliza Ojwach	Under 13	Biathle
Sophia-Lily Ashton	Under 13	Biathle
Zeney De Beer	Under 13	Biathle
Zney Piechaczek	Under 13	Biathle
Zoe-Mari Pretorius	Under 13	Biathle

Under 15 (9 athletes)

Athlete	Age Group	Sport/s
Chiniq Breet	Under 15	Biathle
Jack Fouche	Under 15	Biathle
Jessica Jansen Van Vuuren	Under 15	Biathle
John William Grobler	Under 15	Biathle
Johnathan Matthew	Under 15	Biathle
Keyla Douglas	Under 15	Biathle
Lily Hoar	Under 15	Biathle
Paiton Van Der Merwe	Under 15	Biathle
Ruan Share	Under 15	Biathle



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Under 17 (14 athletes)

Athlete	Age Group	Sport/s
Bradley Leppan	Under 17	Biathle
Chara De Wit	Under 17	Biathle
Danelle Van Tonder	Under 17	Biathle
Dune Haasbroek	Under 17	Biathle
Giann Wessels	Under 17	Biathle
Jessica Matthysen	Under 17	Biathle
Julia Rossouw	Under 17	Biathle
Kaitlyn Ramos	Under 17	Biathle
Lara Janse Van Rensburg	Under 17	Biathle
Maynard Breet	Under 17	Biathle
Mia Lombard	Under 17	Biathle
Nicolas Greeve	Under 17	Biathle
Nina Steyn	Under 17	Biathle
Zoe Janse Van Vuuren	Under 17	Biathle

Under 19 (8 athletes)

Athlete	Age Group	Sport/s
Hendrik De Wet	Under 19	Biathle
Jordan Coetzee	Under 19	Biathle
Joseph Van Der Merwe	Under 19	Biathle
Luke Smith	Under 19	Biathle
Matthew Lock	Under 19	Biathle
Stephanie Minnaar	Under 19	Biathle
Stephen Tinhof	Under 19	Biathle
Wilmien Verbeek	Under 19	Biathle

Juniors (2 athletes)

Athlete	Age Group	Sport/s
Eduard Van Driel	Juniors	Biathle
Jayden Vries	Juniors	Biathle

Seniors (4 athletes)

Athlete	Age Group	Sport/s
Batanai Muzenda	Seniors	Biathle
Carlyn Coertzen	Seniors	Biathle
Dylan Kruger	Seniors	Biathle
Shannon Kruger	Seniors	Biathle



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Masters 40+ (11 athletes)

Athlete	Age Group	Sport/s
Andrea Ranger	Masters 40+	Biathle
Freddie Strydom	Masters 40+	Biathle
Jacolien Swart	Masters 40+	Biathle
Jadine De Wit	Masters 40+	Biathle
Jan Meyer	Masters 40+	Biathle
Jenna Von Mollendorff	Masters 40+	Biathle
Marc Theron	Masters 40+	Biathle
Ruan Strydom	Masters 40+	Biathle
Sachin Fakir	Masters 40+	Biathle
Santie Crots	Masters 40+	Biathle
Tiaan Rossouw	Masters 40+	Biathle

Masters 50+ (7 athletes)

Athlete	Age Group	Sport/s
Corne Lotz	Masters 50+	Biathle
Gregory Harris	Masters 50+	Biathle
Ina Prinsloo	Masters 50+	Biathle
Janine Steyn	Masters 50+	Biathle
Jene Banfield	Masters 50+	Biathle
Roy Alexander Newlands	Masters 50+	Biathle
Sunet Eybers	Masters 50+	Biathle

Masters 60+ (9 athletes)

Athlete	Age Group	Sport/s
Adri Van Dyk	Masters 60+	Biathle
Adri Vermaas	Masters 60+	Biathle
Anthony Cox	Masters 60+	Biathle
Christian Van Der Merwe	Masters 60+	Biathle
Dawie De Villiers	Masters 60+	Biathle
Gavin Gericke	Masters 60+	Biathle
Hendrika Vermaas	Masters 60+	Biathle
Linda Du Bruyn	Masters 60+	Biathle
Lynette Fischer	Masters 60+	Biathle

Masters 70+ (1 athlete)

Athlete	Age Group	Sport/s
Stella Heyns	Masters 70+	Biathle



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Athletes and families are kindly requested to take note of this official announcement and the confirmation requirements below.

All athletes listed above must confirm acceptance of their place in the South African Team by no later than 3 August 2026. Confirmation by this date is essential to allow SAMPA to finalise the team administration, entries and travel-related arrangements.

We look forward to seeing South Africa represented with pride, discipline and unity in Madeira, and we wish every selected athlete the very best as preparations continue.

Kind regards,



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