



SOUTH AFRICAN MODERN PENTATHLON ASSOCIATION

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To: SAMP Athletes, Parents, and Guardians

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Subject: SA TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT - TRIATHLE

2026 UIPM Triathlon 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, SAMP is pleased to announce the athletes who have qualified for selection to the South African Team travelling to Funchal, Madeira, Portugal for the Triathlon 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 Triathlon Team:

Para Athlete (2 athletes)

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

Under 11 (17 athletes)

Athlete	Age Group	Sport/s
Adrian Lopes	Under 11	Triathlon
Aila Cilliers	Under 11	Triathlon
Ane Plath	Under 11	Triathlon
Daniel Van Den Bergh	Under 11	Triathlon
Harrison Williams	Under 11	Triathlon
Karlo Marais	Under 11	Triathlon
Kayla Fouche	Under 11	Triathlon
Lealdo Wessels	Under 11	Triathlon
Lenike Van Den Berg	Under 11	Triathlon
Lukas Van Wyngaard	Under 11	Triathlon
Lumay De Beer	Under 11	Triathlon
Malan Steyl	Under 11	Triathlon
Misha Meyer	Under 11	Triathlon
Riley Adams	Under 11	Triathlon
Shoana Schofield	Under 11	Triathlon
Steven Palvi	Under 11	Triathlon
Stian Gericke	Under 11	Triathlon



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Under 13 (19 athletes)

Athlete	Age Group	Sport/s
Annabelle Van Onselen	Under 13	Triathlon
Bailey Bowman	Under 13	Triathlon
Bramwell Whitehouse	Under 13	Triathlon
Caitlin Lombard	Under 13	Triathlon
Daniel Van Wyngaard	Under 13	Triathlon
Estevan Wessels	Under 13	Triathlon
Hilton Vos	Under 13	Triathlon
Kari Gericke	Under 13	Triathlon
Kaylyn Blair	Under 13	Triathlon
Leame Plath	Under 13	Triathlon
Liam Vermaak	Under 13	Triathlon
Markú Zak Loubser	Under 13	Triathlon
Owen Worley	Under 13	Triathlon
Ryan Fouche	Under 13	Triathlon
Ryan Jogie	Under 13	Triathlon
Sophia-Lily Ashton	Under 13	Triathlon
Tene Venter	Under 13	Triathlon
Zeney De Beer	Under 13	Triathlon
Zney Piechaczek	Under 13	Triathlon

Under 15 (9 athletes)

Athlete	Age Group	Sport/s
Annabelle Ras	Under 15	Triathlon
Cailyn De Kock	Under 15	Triathlon
Chiniq Breet	Under 15	Triathlon
Jack Fouche	Under 15	Triathlon
Jean Eksteen	Under 15	Triathlon
Keyla Douglas	Under 15	Triathlon
Païton Van Der Merwe	Under 15	Triathlon
Ronewasibusiso Myeza	Under 15	Triathlon
Ruan Share	Under 15	Triathlon

Under 17 (13 athletes)

Athlete	Age Group	Sport/s
Anthonie Christoffel Lombard	Under 17	Triathlon
Bradley Leppan	Under 17	Triathlon
Danicka Groenewald	Under 17	Triathlon
Dune Haasbroek	Under 17	Triathlon
Giann Wessels	Under 17	Triathlon
Jessica Matthysen	Under 17	Triathlon
Lara Janse Van Rensburg	Under 17	Triathlon
Lohan Van Daalen	Under 17	Triathlon
Maynard Breet	Under 17	Triathlon



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Athlete	Age Group	Sport/s
Megan Kleynhans	Under 17	Triathlon
Mia Lombard	Under 17	Triathlon
Schalk Meiring	Under 17	Triathlon
Zoe Janse Van Vuuren	Under 17	Triathlon

Under 19 (4 athletes)

Athlete	Age Group	Sport/s
Aj Theron	Under 19	Triathlon
Hendrik De Wet	Under 19	Triathlon
Luke Smith	Under 19	Triathlon
Stephanie Minnaar	Under 19	Triathlon

Juniors (2 athletes)

Athlete	Age Group	Sport/s
Calvin Dias	Juniors	Triathlon
Tiané De Wit	Juniors	Triathlon

Seniors (1 athlete)

Athlete	Age Group	Sport/s
Dylan Kruger	Seniors	Triathlon

Masters 40+ (10 athletes)

Athlete	Age Group	Sport/s
Andrea Ranger	Masters 40+	Triathlon
Chantel Lombard	Masters 40+	Triathlon
Freddie Strydom	Masters 40+	Triathlon
Jacolien Swart	Masters 40+	Triathlon
Jan Meyer	Masters 40+	Triathlon
Marc Theron	Masters 40+	Triathlon
Ruan Strydom	Masters 40+	Triathlon
Sachin Fakir	Masters 40+	Triathlon
Santie Crots	Masters 40+	Triathlon
Tiaan Rossouw	Masters 40+	Triathlon

Masters 50+ (8 athletes)

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



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Masters 60+ (8 athletes)

Athlete	Age Group	Sport/s
Adri Van Dyk	Masters 60+	Triathlon
Christian Van Der Merwe	Masters 60+	Triathlon
Dawie De Villiers	Masters 60+	Triathlon
Gavin Gericke	Masters 60+	Triathlon
Jan Wilkens	Masters 60+	Triathlon
Koop Styger	Masters 60+	Triathlon
Linda Du Bruyn	Masters 60+	Triathlon
Lynette Fischer	Masters 60+	Triathlon

Masters 70+ (1 athlete)

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

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,

Kate Vos
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