

Dear Colleagues;

It is with a great sense of excitement that we announce that at the recent SASCOC General Council meeting, held on Saturday 8th June 2019, the SASCOC board presented their recommendations, as resolved, regarding the formal establishment of a Professional Body for Sports Coaching in South Africa. The board's recommendations provided clarity on the roles and functions of the professional body that are stipulated by the South African Qualification Authority (SAQA) since 28 July 2016. The National Sport and Recreation Act 110 of 1998, as amended, places a sizeable mandate on the accountability of the Professional Body for Sports Coaching South Africa towards the transformation of South African sport and the licensing of all sports coaches.

The Professional Body for Sports Coaching South Africa will be an independent body that will:

• Align to global trends and SAQA professional body prescripts

• Ensure the professional body is an independent body that adheres to the following principles:

- To establish its own governance structure
- To manage and run its affairs independently from SASCOC
- To raise funding for its sustainability
- To clarify the roles and responsibilities between the National Federations and their sports coaches who will be part of the professional body.

In view of the above decision, a ten member project team towards the establishment of the Professional Body for Sports Coaching South Africa has been actively engaging on the immediate priorities. First on the agenda is to ensure the operationalisation of the professional body by 30 September 2019. The project team will report to the SASCOC AGM on 23 November 2019 on the implementation of the professional body.

We believe this pivotal step in the formation of a Professional Body for Sports Coaching South Africa, will further advance the professionalisation of the sports coaching industry, with you as a founding member as a driving force behind its success. We have 90 days to ensure the operationalisation of an independent Professional Body for Sports Coaching South Africa, and your assistance with motivating and advocating this would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in the formation process. We look forward to meeting you at the launch of the Professional Body for Sports Coaching South Africa to be held during the last quarter of 2019. Watch this space and keep making the incredible impact that you are to sports in South Africa and beyond.

*"A good coach can change a game, a great coach can change a life." J. Wooden*