



# **SOUTH AFRICAN MASTERS SPORTS ASSOCIATION**

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## **SOUTH AFRICAN MASTERS SPORTS ASSOCIATION (SAMSA) PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 2009**

The South African Masters Sports Association (SAMSA) since its inception in 1993, continues to pursue its objectives – the promotion of Masters Sport both at national and international level, while emphasising and encouraging participation by master codes and individual athletes in Masters events. Approximately 60 Master codes in the country are actively involved in club / regional and annual national championships. Many teams and individual athletes continue to participate in the biennial South African Masters Sport Games, in own World Championships, in the quadrennial World Masters Multi-sport Games and in the many other International Multi-sport events, hosted by various countries world wide.

The only criterion for participation is the minimum age, as determined by individual codes for their own competitions and by the organisers of multi-sport events. (The minimum ages, as determined by the WORLD MASTERS GAMES – Women 30 years and men 35 years) The fundamental ideas of Masters Sport are based on the ideologies of “Sport for Life”, “Fit for Life” and “The Challenge Never Ends!”

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

SAMSA is a member of the macro governing body of SA sport, South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC). President Gideon Sam.

SAMSA is acknowledge by Sport & Recreation SA as a national sports structure and receive a Grant in Aid towards administration and the development in club administration in the various member codes.

SAMSA is an active participant in the International Masters Games Association (IMGA). The largest multi sports competition for participants on earth.

SAMSA'S MEMBERSHIP – open to any South African established national masters sports code or the masters division of a national code. Annual membership fee R100.

Individual Masters membership R50 per athlete, once off payment. (Person remains on SAMSA'S address list for life)

### **7<sup>th</sup> WORLD MASTERS GAMES 2009**

150 South African athletes participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> World quadrennial Masters Games, Sydney, Australia 10 – 18 October 2009. 28 292 athletes from 95 countries participated in 28 sports codes at 72 venues. A total of 45 000 sport enthusiast, including voluntary workers, managers, medical personnel, administrators, coaches, umpires and companions. Refer info distributed in 'THE MASTERS VOICE' November 2009.

### **MEETINGS:**

EXCO, quarterly meetings together with special meetings when necessary, were held during 2009. Meetings were well attended.

The President attended various SASCOC meetings and a meeting with Sport & Recreation SA.

SAMSA'S Biennial General Meeting was held on 24 March 2009. EXCO re-elected.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

The **MASTERS VOICE**, official newsletter distributed monthly / bi-monthly to all members codes, EXCO, individual members, SASCO, SRSA, SAFM, RSG and overseas masters Federations.

**NB!** Member Codes are constantly invited / requested to share its achievements and event information with fellow masters via **THE MASTERS VOICE**.

**SAMSA'S QUESTIONNAIRE 2009 / 2010.** Codes up to date contact detail is of vital importance in order to supply our macro sport bodies with required information. Great appreciation to many codes for returning completed questionnaires. No returns – possible lack of proper administration, changes in elected committees etc. Need assistance? Contact **SAMSA** office.

**NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL EVENTS!** All info received from codes re annual events – published in **NEWSLETTER**.

**7<sup>th</sup> SOUTH AFRICAN MASTERS Multi-sports GAMES, 27 April – 1 May 2011, Port Elizabeth, Nelson Mandela Bay.** Games Info **FLYER** to be published May 2010. Further info on **SAMSA'S** website.

**NEXT WORLD MASTERS GAMES, Torino, Italy. Start saving NOW!**  
(No further info available to date)

**FINANCE:**

Annual audited statements. Report: Treasurer

**PROMOTION OF MASTERS SPORT:**

The canvassing of young / new masters remains the responsibility of every master code together with the support of lowering minimum ages for masters preventing a gap in continued participation in 'SPORT FOR LIFE'

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

On behalf of myself and the **SA MASTERS SPORT ASSOCIATION**, I wish to pay tribute to:

- Every member of the Executive Committee for their dedicated service and loyal support during the past year
- All Member Codes for their co-operation and service to fellow masters
- Sport and Recreation South Africa for financial support and co-operation in the promotion of Masters Sport
- The South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCO) for its role in the promotion of high performance by every South African athlete
- To every individual Master Sportsmen and women, for pursuing **SAMSA'S** motto – "THE CHALLENGE NEVER ENDS!"

**RITA OOSTHUIZEN**

President

30 March 2010