



SOUTH AFRICAN MODERN PENTATHLON ASSOCIATION

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UIPM 2024 Biathle/Triathle & Para Laser Run World Championships Port Said, Egypt 10 – 13 October 2024

Dear athletes, parents and supporters,

Congratulations to all on your achievements at what was a very successful SA Championships held in East London. Well done to all of you who made the selection criteria and have been selected to be a part of the SA Modern Pentathlon Association's national team to participate at the UIPM 2024 Biathle/Triathle & Para Laser Run World Championships in Port Said, Egypt between 10 – 13 October 2024.

This letter covers the processes to be followed by athletes who are entering as members of the national team, athletes entering the open event and athletes participating in the Para Biathle, Triathle and Laser Run.

1. General Matters

- A WhatsApp group will be created for this event to keep all athletes and parents informed. Once you have registered for the event via the google form link (see section 6 below) you will receive an email with the link to join the group.
- Should any additional information be provided by the UIPM and/or LOC, we will post this information on the WhatsApp group and via email address you provide.
- If you have any questions, please contact worldchampionships@sampasport.co.za.

2. General timelines

- In order to ensure your entry into the world championships, please take note of the following dates:
 - 14 August 2024: Athletes and Parents will receive their Letter from SAMPA to participate at the UIPM 2024 Biathle/Triathle & Para Laser Run World Championships Port Said, Egypt 10 – 13 October 2024.
 - 14- 18 August 2024: Entry into the team via the google form: [Biathle / Triathle World Championships entries - Port Said, Egypt](#). **Entries close 18 August 2024.**
 - 19 August 2024: Invoices to be send to athletes who are participating at the world championships.
 - 20 August 2024: Athletes who are part of the national team will receive the clothing link to order their clothing from XCO. Note: all deadlines from XCO need to be adhered to in full as no late orders cannot be accommodated.
 - 25 August 2024: Entry fees and administration fees to be paid to secure your entry.



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- 26 August 2024: Team manager to select the relay teams and confirmation to be sent to the athletes.
- 30 August 2024: Confirmation and acceptance of participation in relay teams.
- 2 September 2024: Realy team entry invoices to be distributed.
- 6 September 2024: Final payment for participation as a member of the relay teams.

3. Competition

- The event is scheduled to take place in The Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime (AASTMT) in Port Fouad, Egypt from 10th – 13th October 2024
- It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure that they are acquainted with the provided program as per UIPM Invitation.
- Refer to the outline in the program provided in the UIPM Invitation Letter. We have no further details at this time other than what is covered in the invitation.
- A SAMPAsport administration fee will be levied at R2 000 per athlete – no administration fee will be levied on accompanying parents and/or supporters.
 - The administration fee is levied primarily to pay towards the costs of accompanying team managers, coaches, foreign exchange charges, bank charges, courier costs and other sundry costs.
 - The admin fee is non-refundable, i.e. the fee will not be paid back to you should you withdraw from the event, except at the discretion of the SA Modern Pentathlon Association's executive committee.

4. Accommodation, Flights, Transfers

- All athletes and accompanying parents are responsible for and to arrange their own accommodation, flights and transfers (the nearest airport to Port Said is Cairo).
- Athletes are to arrange own flights and declarations to airlines regarding pistols. Athletes to please familiarise themselves with airline requirements when travelling with laser pistols. SAMPAsport cannot accept any responsibility where respective airline procedures regarding laser pistols have not been adhered to.
- Should athletes wish to make use of the services of a travel agent for the booking of flights and accommodation, Maggie du Toit from Travel Counsellors can be contacted on maggie.dutoit@travelcounsellors.co.za.
- We have included a letter which details accommodation, transfers and excursions offered by the Egyptian Modern Pentathlon Federation for your consideration. Please direct any queries you have with respect to this accommodation to the Egyptian federation.



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5. VISA and entry requirements

- South African citizens require visas to enter Egypt.
- Visas can either be purchase on arrival or an e-visa obtain through <https://visa2egypt.gov.eg/>
- Cost USD25 per person.

6. Entries – Individual & mixed relays

- All entries in the Elite (national team) and Open event will be facilitated by SAMPA. In terms of the SA Modern Pentathlon selection criteria, you will be selected for the SA Modern Pentathlon team where you achieve the world championship qualifying time at the SA championships in East London. As per the selection criteria, there is no number limit in terms of the size of the team.
- Open athletes will no longer enter via the direct payment link as agreed with the UIPM.
- For national team and open athletes – please enter via the following google form link: [Biathle / Triathlon World Championships entries - Port Said, Egypt.](#)
- Entry fees supplied by the UIPM have been provided in Euros, however the payments made to SAMPA will be in Rands. The cost of bank charges and fluctuations in the actual exchange rate have been included in the administration fee.
- SAMPA to facilitate all entries via UIPM portal system for athletes competing in the individual and mixed relay.
- SAMPA will enter the maximum relay teams per age group (in accordance with the UIPM rules the maximum number of relay teams per National Federation is 3 however this rule may be waived by the local organisers). Relays will be seeded according to athlete's SA Championship results.
- Entry fees for national team and open events is as follows – individual and mixed relay (each athlete in the mixed relay is billed for their entry):

1 event	R1 400
2 events	R2 000
3 events	R2 600
4 events	R3 200
- **No late payments will be accepted, which could impact your participation in the team.**

7. Clothing

Podium kit

The podium kit is the SA Modern Pentathlon golf shirt with plain black tracksuit pants or black shorts. Per the UIPM rules closed toe shoes must be worn and no 'Croc' style slip on shoes are allowed.



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Athlete clothing

A separate communication on clothing purchases will be sent to all athletes forming part of the national team. The clothing process is as demonstrated at the SA Championships prize giving and is managed by the 3rd party clothing manufacturer, XCO. Please pay attention to their deadlines, sizing charts and payment requirements. Due to the required lead times, no late clothing purchases will be permitted.

Open athletes

In terms of the selection criteria, SAMPA affiliated athletes entering an open category at a UIPM event, may not wear the SAMPA colours being green, white, and gold (yellow), any combination of these colours which could be associated with SAMPA, or the SAMPA logo or any competition clothing. Athletes entering an open category at a UIPM event by individual entry shall wear a neutral or provincial uniform. Similar neutral clothing must be worn on the podium, if an open athlete achieves a podium placing.

This ruling also applies where for competition wear and podium wear when you are participating as part of the national team for biathle or triathle and as an open athlete for the other discipline.

8. Team managers

As announced during the prize giving in East London, the team managers will be:

- Leana Esterhuizen – SAMPA Exco & Free State
- Ryan Coates – Eastern Cape
- Stephen Hodge – Western Cape
- Rens Els – Western Cape

Yours in sport,

Frans van Niekerk

President

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