

# LIMPOPO SCHOOLS ATHLETICS (LIMSA)

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**To: The manager**

**Limpopo Academy of Sport**

**Polokwane**

**Dear Sir/Madam**

## **LIMPOPO SCHOOLS ATHLETICS SUSTAINABLE PLAN: 2012 AND BEYOND**

**Limpopo province being vastly rural prides itself with the abundance of raw talent that is displayed by sport personalities, in administration, leadership as well as athletes. If one takes a look at the professional clubs in provinces like Gauteng, one is fascinated by the many names that are basically familiar with the diverse cultures which are spread all over the province of Limpopo.**

**These personalities left the shores of our province to go to Gauteng in the quest of greener pastures. Limpopo serves as a mining well for these rich provinces and therefore we are drained off our precious gems and are left impoverished as these athletes make their names popular through popularizing Gauteng and others.**

**It is for this reason that LIMSA draft this sustainable plan in order to keep, protect and nurture excellence for the province to compete with the super powers of the country.**

### **THE PLAN**

- 1. Athletes that represented the province at the national championships must:**

- Be kept busy throughout the year through intra-schools, district and provincial activities of x-country and track and field
  - Be taken into LAS' LTAD programs
  - Be linked to LAS' district satellites
  - Be recommended to clubs in their locality so as to take part in federation organized championships
2. Primary school athletes should be highly monitored particularly when they graduate to secondary schools. In fact they must be encouraged to enroll at schools that have a reputation and passion of athletics development.
  3. Secondary schools athletes should also be monitored and bursaries be negotiated on their behalf so that they could enroll with reputable tertiary institutions for their fields.
  4. LIMSA must organize skills development courses with LAS for educators in the following:
    - 4.1. Administration
    - 4.2. Coaching ( which has already been done)
    - 4.3. Team management
    - 4.4. Technical Officiating
  5. LAS are there to ensure the above attained through LIMSA proposals.
  6. The Department of Education in collaboration with the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture should play a key role in:
    - 6.1. Providing logistical support to LIMSA
    - 6.2. Recognizing committed educators through awards and other incentives
    - 6.3. Inducting members in the hall of fame while they are still alive instead of awarding people posthumously.
    - 6.4. Protecting the skilled personnel are not recruited by other provinces or private sector.
  7. Excelling athletes should be honoured so as to motivate and encourage them to be future Olympians.
  8. The business sector should be engaged to sponsor our events and individual athletes in particular, so that these athletes are kept in the province instead of them being lured in other provinces. This could happen when we sell and market our organization.
  9. A database of managers, coaches and technical officials has to be kept in our archives so that we do not lose track of skill.
  10. A database of athletes' profiles must be kept for future references and research.
  11. LIMSA executive members must be seen at lower levels of our structures so as to inspire maximum participation and guide our programs.

12. Regular meetings to review, plan and implement programs will enhance sustainable progress. Therefore, the executive leadership of the province should encourage lower structures to adhere to the principle.
13. The constitution and other policies are always available to stakeholders, so they have to be utilized fully.

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion, LIMSA have committed:

1. To ensure that there is sustainable development throughout
2. To improve on the achievement of medals by our athletes
3. To the target of six (6) medals increase per year from 2012 to 2017
4. Drawing up a program of events for athletes to participate at least once a quarter.
5. Make regular submissions of skills development courses to LAS.

Based on the above, it is therefore imperative of all stakeholders and role players to join forces in ensuring that the commitment by LIMSA is realized.

**TOGETHER COMMITTED TOWARDS NURTURING EXCELLENCE IN (ATHLETICS) SPORT**

The plan is compiled on behalf of LIMSA by

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