



SOUTH AFRICAN  
**TRANSPLANT SPORTS**  
ASSOCIATION

# Transplant Sports News

## Message from the Chair

Well, the time has come, to head off to Australia. I was privileged enough to attend some of the blazer ceremonies, what an honour to see you all wearing the green and gold. Athletes go and be the best version of "you". Enjoy every moment of the games, soak up every experience and keep us in South Africa informed. Remember you are all winners and being able to celebrate life by attending the World Transplant Games 2023 is an amazing opportunity. I wish you luck and bring back GOLD!

*Amanda Bossenger*

## World Transplant Games Federation



The World Transplant Games is around the corner and excitement is running high.

South Africa has entered a team and in the end 36 of our qualifying athletes will be participating in Perth in April.

We wish these athletes a safe and successful trip. Bring back tons of medals guys!



## SPORT SA and DSAC

The Department of Sport Arts and Culture has assessed our application for a Grant in Aid and has confirmed that they will again in part support SATSA financially to continue our efforts to spread awareness about organ

donation and transplantation and their help will go a long way to support our athletes attending the World Games in Perth in April. We thank the DSAC for this fantastic support.



## sport, arts & culture

Department:  
Sport, Arts and Culture  
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### Meetings

Chair: Amanda Bossenger

Vice-Chair: Sean Samujh

Treasurer: Hennie le Roux

The Management Committee meets every month and minutes of these meetings, or any inquiries are always available from Jan Marais, SATSA Executive Secretary. You are welcome to send your input to [admin@transplantsports.org.za](mailto:admin@transplantsports.org.za). The Management Committee values all input in our combined goal of always improving and growing SATSA.

### World Transplant Games Update

Originally 57 athletes qualified to attend the 2023 World Games but unfortunately there has been many withdrawals due to injury and financial reasons and unfortunately death, but we are thankful that there are still 36 athletes attending the games.

Here is the final team to attend the World Transplant Games in Perth in April:

Alta Withers	Joshua Kriegler
Anil Balmakund	Kurt de Graaf
Bradley Arendse	Kyle Southworth
Byron Powell	Lloyd Perry
Carlo Prince	Mark Agnew
Chantel Memziwe	Mark Nortjie
Dean Arnolds	MaryAnne Johnson
Derek Botes	Melda Ruiters
Frans Maluleke	Michelle Luscombe
Gawie Marx	Mpumelezo Damane
Greg Serradinho	Paul Lombard
Heilie Uys	Pedro Basson
Iaan Burden	Rentia Le Roux
Itumeleng Phoshoane	Sean Samujh
Jaco Potgieter	Susan Burri
Jacques Boshoff	Thembisa Tyeku
Jacques Carstens	Willie Kotzee
Jan Marais	Winston Baatjies

You can see the full schedule of events for the WTG2023 here:

<https://worldtransplantgames.org/participate/schedule/>

The Team will be flying to Perth via Sydney at 17:40 on 13 April and will meet at the international terminal at OR Tambo international Airport in Johannesburg at 15:00.

### Awareness

On 9 February 2023 Jan Marais represented SATSA at an educational session at Zuid Afrikaans Hospital in Pretoria that was hosted by the Centre for Tissue Engineering. Here Jan shared his transplant story with medical staff to reinforce to them the positive impact their work has on the lives of ordinary people who are fortunate enough to receive the gift of life.



[Centre for Tissue Engineering | Centre for Tissue Engineering \(tissuedonation.org.za\)](http://tissuedonation.org.za)

There are always awareness events happening in your region so please stay in touch with your regional committee and let them know where you might be able to assist with these valuable activities.

## Upcoming events and Important Dates

7 April 2023	World Health Day
13 April 2023	Team Transplant SA departs for Perth
12 May 2023	World Nurses Day
13 May 2023	GTSA Awareness Walk at Big Red Barn in Irene, Pretoria
17 May 2023	World Hypertension Day

## Marketing and communication

Our marketing and communication team at SATSA has kicked-off 2023 on a high note with renewed enthusiasm as #TeamTransplant are preparing for the upcoming World Transplant Games that will take place from 15 – 21 April in Perth, Australia.

Our focus leading up to the Games are to raise awareness about the Games and in this manner recruit new members in the future. We also hope to obtain more sponsorship for our athletes that still needs financial assistance. We have seen positive results from articles published in newspapers in the Western Cape and hope this will flow over to the other Regions of SATSA. Getting the word out there and telling the story of our amazing athletes will be our focus for the next few weeks.

We have already seen a positive trend in membership and funding after doing articles, interviews, and social media posts related to the World Transplant Games. We thank each athlete and committee member who made the effort to raise awareness around SATSA.

Our goals for 2023 are to look at our marketing strategy and see how we can improve in order to build a recognisable brand that all South Africans will know.

We are keeping our SATSA and Regional social media pages updated with Transplant related news and thank all our followers for liking and sharing our social media posts. We also send out a quarterly newsletter with in-depth news.

Please visit our website at [www.transplantsports.org.za](http://www.transplantsports.org.za) to find out more about our organisation or join online to become a part of #TeamTransplant.

The marketing committee wishes our athletes all the best with the last preparations for the World Transplant Games and ahead. May 2023 be a year filled with good health and prosperity.

*Vivian de Klerk*

*Chairperson (Marketing and Communication Committee)*

# Regional Colours Ceremonies



All our four regions held colours ceremonies during March and April to award the athletes representing South Africa their official SA Blazers. Congratulations to all the athletes and may you have a wonderful time at the World Transplant Games and bring back many medals.

# Sponsors and affiliations



Websites and links:

<https://worldtransplantgames.org/>

<https://wtgf.org/>

<https://www.dsac.gov.za/>

<https://cyclesunited.co.za/>

<https://www.nlcsa.org.za/>

<https://www.teamsa.co.za/>

<https://tell.org.za/>

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