



Transplant Sports News

Message from the Chair

Dear members

It feels like a month ago I was saying it's almost time for the world games....and look where we are now!

We have all seen our wonderful results from the World Transplant Games which were held in April this year. The stories and the pictures were amazing, it made us feel a part of the proceedings even though we were not all present. Congratulations to all the athletes for the hard work and dedication....it paid off.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the marvellous management team for the excellent work done at the games. The support given to the athletes and the supporters were appreciated. To our team manager Hennie, thank you for keeping me in the loop of everyday activities and medal count so I could update SASCOC and the various presidents, who all sent their congratulations.

You are the heart of our organisation and grateful to you for your commitment to transplant sports.

The rest is over, we now begin planning for the National Games to be held next year.

Amanda Bossenger

World Transplant Games

South Africa attended the World Transplant Games in Perth from 15 – 21 April 2023 with a team of 36 athletes. The team performed above all expectations and won 40 medals and finished 13th on the medals table. Well done to the small team who proved their worth yet again on the world stage. We are looking forward to the next World Transplant Games now that will be held in Dresden in Germany from 16 – 23 August 2025. Follow our social media and newsletters for updates on the next National Games.



COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Great Britain & Northern Ireland	85	82	55
Australia	67	53	69
USA	39	19	23
Thailand	30	14	19
Islamic Republic of Iran	27	22	18
Italy	22	13	12
Poland	19	21	18
Hungary	16	22	19
France	15	11	13
Germany	12	14	16
Canada	11	10	12
Argentina	11	6	7
South Africa	9	20	11
Hong Kong	9	19	13
Netherlands	7	6	0
Belgium	6	6	4
Ireland	6	5	5

Tell your fellow transplanted friends who are not members yet about SATSA and recruit more members so that we can send a much larger team next time.

National Transplant Games

The Western Cape Transplant Sports Association (WCTSA) will host the National Transplant Games in 2024. The date is set for 26 – 29 September 2024. The National Office will communicate all relevant information for members to enter this event in good time. All members are welcome at the NTG where transplanted athletes get their main opportunity to qualify to represent South Africa at the next World Transplant Games in Dresden from 16 – 23 August 2025. SATSA aims to accommodate more events for donors in 2024 in line with the activities of the World Transplant Games Federation who is also including more and more donor events at the World Games. The NTG is also the bi-annual opportunity for our member to get together and celebrate life and spread awareness about organ donation and transplantation.

SASCOC and DSAC

Jan Marais and Amanda Bossenger will attend the SASCOC AGM on 30 September 2023 to represent SATSA.

SATSA again applied to NLC and DSAC funding support for the next three years and we patiently await the outcome of this application that will go a long way to helping SATSA in running the organisation and to aid athletes to attend our important events.

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.

The Management Committee values all input in our combined goal of always improving and growing SATSA.

SATSA AGM

SATSA Will host our AGM on **4 November 2023**.

This will be a hybrid meeting and Jan will send the invites out soon. All relevant information will be sent via email and information can be obtained from Jan Marais at any time. Your continued support is appreciated.

Awareness

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.

Pictured below (Clockwise from top left):

Western Cape Transplant Sports Association joined Jenny Morris at Salesian Institute Youth Projects for her Mandela Day Campaign creating awareness for Organ Donation & Transplantation and Transplant Sport together with ODF, Vitanova, DKMS & SA Bone Marrow Registry, GTSA members joining hands with some of our associates for an awareness fun walk, laan Burden from GTSA doing a talk at his old Highschool to educate the kids about SATSA and all we do.



Upcoming events and Important Dates

August	Organ Donor Month
23 Aug 2023	GTSA Golf Day at Woodhill Country Club
26 Aug 2023	WCTSA AGM
2 Sept 2023	GTSA, ECTSA and KZNTSA AGM's
3 Sept 2023	Renal Care Society Fun Run Cape Town
9 Sept 2023	Renal Care Society Fun Run Durban
22 Sept 2023	National Sunflower Day
29 Sept 2023	World Heart Day
All Sept	WTGF Virtual Cycle Challenge
4 Nov 2023	SATSA AGM

Marketing and communication

On the marketing and communication front our team has had several meetings this year and continue our efforts to get our brand out there and more recognisable.

We had positive feedback during and after the 2023 World Transplant Games and several articles, radio interviews and social media post has been published around the time of the Games featuring our athletes and their tremendous success during the Games. This has assisted in promoting Transplant Sports and attract new members and hopefully new sponsors to our brand.

With the ever-changing technology and online trends, it has become necessary to upgrade our current website. We have a committee working on this project and will be launching our new SATSA website in the next few months. We hope to bring you a new and improved website that will assist in promoting Transplant Sports.

Our marketing strategy and budget for 2023 – 2024 has been finalized and I thank our committee for your inputs and hard work towards this document.

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. The regions of SATSA also publish quarterly newsletters with in dept news of what's happening in the regions. Please feel free to forward any transplant related news and achievement to us for publication.

For more information and news please visit our website at www.transplantsports.org.za to find out more about our organisation or join online to become a part of #TeamTransplant.

Vivian de Klerk

Chairperson (Marketing and Communication Committee)



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