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**TRANSPLANT SPORTS**  
ASSOCIATION

# Transplant Sports News

## Message from the Chair

Dear members

To our transplant family, as we reach the end of the year, we are thrilled to share some wonderful updates from both Lotto and DSAC. Their generous support guarantees that we can expand our assistance to a larger number of athletes, enabling their participation in both the National and World Games. Every single one of you holds immense significance within our organization, and it is our utmost goal to ensure that every eligible athlete has the opportunity to attend these events.

Take this time to find relaxation and cherish precious moments with your loved ones.

Keep healthy, travel safely, and enjoy your break.

*Amanda Bossenger*

## World Transplant Games



The World Transplant Games Federation will be hosting the World Transplant Winter Games in Bormio, Italy from 3 – 8 March 2024.



**WORLD TRANSPLANT GAMES**  
DRESDEN 2025 // GERMANY

<https://wtg2025.com/>

Qualification for the World Transplant Games can be attained at the next South African National Transplant Games in Cape Town in September 2024. The qualification standards are available on our website <https://transplantsports.org.za/>.

## National Transplant Games



The Western Cape Transplant Sports Association (WCTSA) was officially awarded the honour to 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 members get their main opportunity to qualify to represent South Africa at the next World Transplant Games in Dresden, Germany 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 members to get together and celebrate life and spread awareness about organ donation and transplantation. At this event the annual SATSA AGM will be hosted on Thursday 26 September 2024.

## SASCOC and DSAC

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

SATSA again applied to NLC and DSAC funding support and had some positive feedback that our applications were approved. We now patiently await payments from both the NLC and DSAC.

## Meetings

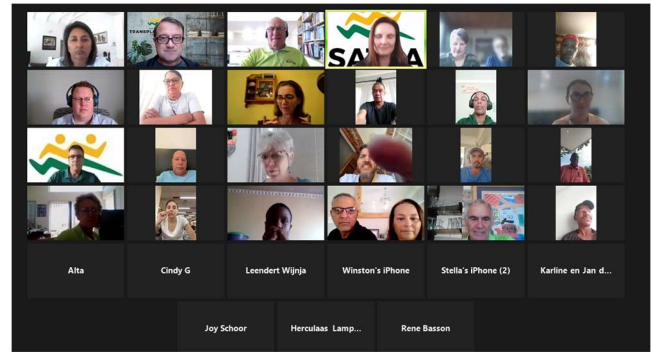
- Chair: Amanda Bossenger
- Vice-Chair: Sean Samujh
- Treasurer: Hennie le Roux

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.

## SATSA AGM

The SATSA AGM was held on Saturday 4 November 2023 and were attended by 43 members on Zoom and 44 proxies were received so there was a quorum. We thank everyone who supported this important meeting to assure the governance of SATSA remains correct and the organisation remains well managed. All member input is always appreciated. Minutes of this

meeting is available from Jan Marais at the National Office.



## 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. Hennie le Roux (SATSA) and Rentia le Roux (WCTSA) represented SATSA at the SA Transplant Society Congress in Cape Town and Rentia a le Roux and Chantel Memziwe from WCTSA attended the Women in Sport workshop hosted by the Department of Cultural affairs and Sport of the Western Cape. Alta Withers and Greg Serradinho welcomed GTSA members to their end of year fundraiser event at the Barnyard in Menlyn. Many GTSA members competed in the 947 Ride Joburg cycle race.



## Upcoming events and Important Dates

29 Dec 2023	ECTSA Hat and Hound Golfday, Cape St Francis
16 Feb 2024	GTSA – Johnny da Silva fundraiser golf day
29 Feb 2024	Rare disease day
9 Mar 2024	GTSA – Social Lawn Bowls Day
10 Mar 2024	Cape Town Cycle Tour
14 Mar 2024	World Kidney Day
5 Apr 2024	GTSA – Fundraiser Golf Day – Nelspruit (Date Tbc)
7 Apr 2024	World Health Day
9 Apr 2024	SATSA 30yr Birthday
8 – 13 Apr 2024	SATSA Sport Week

## Marketing and communication

2023 has been a busy and very productive year for Transplant Sports. On the marketing side, our committee had regular meetings discussing and implementing various aspects of marketing and communications.

I want to start by thanking the Marketing Committee and the Executive Committee of SATSA for their time and effort during this year. Although our committee are the ones dreaming up the future look of SATSA, the Exco needs to implement these ideas. We would thus like to thank SATSA for all their inputs and actions during this year.

Our “new” website is active. This project was overseen by Amanda Bossenger, Jan Marais and Jeandre Geldenhuys. I would like to extend my thanks to each of them for taking time out of their busy schedule to ensure that we have a modern website that will attract new sponsors and members in the future. Please visit this site ([www.transplantsports.org.za](http://www.transplantsports.org.za)) and encourage people to visit our website for current information related to Transplant Sports. This is also where you will find the link to join SATSA as a member.

We thank each athlete and associated member for promoting Transplant Sports. This is a very important part of our mission, and I am glad to see our athletes at races, awareness events and on social media, promoting our Association. Please keep up these efforts.

We look forward to 2024 when the Western Cape region of SATSA will be hosting the National Transplant Games in Cape Town. This is an important opportunity for SATSA to promote Transplant Sports and organ donation in South Africa and Africa as a whole.

I would like to wish all of you a blessed festive season. Please keep those waiting for a transplant in you thought during this time and encourage your family and friends to register as organ and blood donors.

*Vivian de Klerk*

*Chairperson (Marketing and Communication Committee)*



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The South Africa Transplant Sports Association

