

HEIDELBERG ATHLETICS CLUB MISSION

1.0 MEMBER COMPOSITION

- 1.1 The Club's main aim is to encompass all track and field athletic disciplines as practiced at the provincial Schools in the area.
- 1.2 The Club will not be limited to these disciplines and will encourage other disciplines, such as road running, even though the main focus will be on track and field disciplines.
- 1.3 The Club's existence is to assist in the development of athletes, from pure fitness programs to the specialized athlete that wants to compete for the national team on an international basis.
- 1.4 The Club is there for all athletes, even if not covered by point 1.1, from the Heidelberg municipality area. This does not however exclude athletes from other areas to join; they are welcome and will be treated as normal members.

2.0 Objective

- 2.1 There exists a need in the area to create an environment where our athletes can get quality training from local experts throughout the year.
- 2.2 The Club aims to identify existing skilled athletes and coaches, not just from all the schools in the area, but especially from the private sector, to create a unified group of resources for the training of our young athletes.
- 2.3 The Club aims to be the vehicle or forum for these people to create more opportunities and get more access to resources which would otherwise be unavailable to the individuals or small groups.

3.0 Existing Training Groups and Clubs

- 3.1 The Club will not dictate nor change the arrangements between coaches and their athletes.
- 3.2 The Club wants to expand on the present arrangements to include the maximum possible participation, both athletes and coaches, and to get specialized training to the more specialized athletes from the specialized coaches.
- 3.3 The Club wants to draw on the experience of the present coaches and assist to realize, and possibly expand, on their views for the training of the athletes.

4.0 Club Committee Members

- 4.1 The Club is to be managed by individuals who have a pure love and commitment to athletics and the Promotion thereof.
- 4.2 The Club is not to be a forum or vehicle to promote or to operate any business for profit to individuals, groups or companies.
- 4.3 The Club Committee will ensure that the Club will be a nonprofit organization and will use all funds, donated or generated, for the activities of the Club, in such a manner that all members will have the equal benefit of those funds.
- 4.4 For the purpose of 4.3, the Club Committee Members will fulfill their tasks without any financial gain or salary. Expenses will be pre-approved by the committee and will be open to scrutiny by any Club Member.

5.0 Club Activities

- 5.1 The Club will, from time to time as per approval and arrangement from the Club Committee, either arrange a track and field meeting or participate in a schools track and field meeting.
- 5.2 The Club will require participation, as and when required, from all members, or in the case of minors, participation of at least one parent or guardian. This will be communicated well in advance and will be done on a volunteer basis to make up the required team, and should this not be sufficient, request members to complete the team.
- 5.3 The Club will endeavor to compile a calendar of all athletic meetings during the year as and when this information becomes available. This will be communicated to the relevant members if short notice is given, alternatively a possible monthly update will be given to all members.
- 5.4 Pending certain commitments to the Vaal Triangle Athletics, it will be required that Club Members compete in certain events to ensure participation in provincial meetings.

6.0 Equipment and Facilities

- 6.1 The Club does not have any facilities or equipment of its own.
- 6.2 The Club will utilize equipment from various institutions or individuals on a loan agreement. This agreement will be done per type of item with the provisions for the use of such an item clearly stated. This will be completed every time an item is being borrowed.
- 6.3 Various facilities will be used as per the requirements of the coaches. The coaches can make arrangements for the use of such facilities themselves, specifically where such agreements are already in place. The Club would assist where possible or do the arrangements for them.
- 6.4 All coaches are to give through their training session times and which facilities or equipment will be required to the Club Communications person. Where conflicts arise the relevant parties will be required to get together to assist in resolving these conflicts by either suggesting alternative times or facilities.
- 6.5 Should an event be planned for a specific facility that will impact on the training sessions, the Club Communications person will notify the coaches in order to arrange alternate facilities.