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From: Education & Training Manager

To: Affiliate Presidents
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Cc: SSA Executive Committee
SA Schools & Provincial Executive Committees
Provincial Education & Training Committees/Coordinators SA
Sport & Recreation SA; Department of Basic Education

RE: CAPACITY-BUILDING COURSES FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS

Schools are an integral part of creating access and promoting transformation in our code of sport. The courses are aimed at achieving the following objectives:

- To capacitate educators in order to have qualified teachers that drive the mass participation program
- To transform aquatics
- According to information received nationally, there is a shortage of qualified swimming teachers & coaches practicing at schools
- To increase access to swimming, particularly in schools as the statistics indicate that less than 10% of schools participate in swimming in the country.
- Having qualified swimming teachers in schools will enable previously disadvantaged children to learn the vital skills of being able to swim and to be water safe.
- To enable learners from disadvantaged schools to be exposed to aquatics
- To enable aquatics to take its position as one of the priority codes of sport

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The National Education & Training Unit has the mandate to appoint accredited facilitators for the different courses to ensure that all programs are standardized in the country. The Provincial Education & Training Coordinators will coordinate the training with the guidance and support from the Provincial affiliates and the Provincial Schools Aquatics Committees. The Education & Training committee will be working directly with SSA & the Provincial schools committees will communicate with SA schools.

Please find the attached criteria for selecting educators and logistical information for the learn to swim courses that will be offered.

Information on the technical officials' training for school teachers will be communicated to Provinces in due course.

Yours sincerely,



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