

SSA Presentation to
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Swimming South Africa

Introduction



- SSA structures, are extremely sensitive towards any improper conduct and in particular sexual conduct relating to a minor.
- SSA has adopted various policies and safeguarding procedures to protect SSA members from harassment, abuse and poor practice.
- Includes our policy on Child Protection as adopted in 2010, as well as a requirement for all coaches registered with SSA to undergo police clearance screening before approval of their membership. This screening must take place annually.

First Matter



- Swimming South Africa is aware of three matters where allegations were made.
- In the first matter a disciplinary hearing was convened with senior legal experts and the complainant advised through her attorney that she preferred not to participate but to elect to follow the criminal justice process.
- In respect of the criminal investigation in this matter, nothing authoritatively has been reported to SSA. SSA is unaware of the status of such criminal investigation, if any.

Second and Third Matter



- In respect of the second matter, the matter has been dealt with by our provincial affiliate.
- In the process of commencing with procedures by our affiliate, SSA and our affiliate were officially informed that the criminal process has been concluded by the investigating officer of SAPS, concluding that no charge(s) can be formulated.
- In respect of the third matter, we were informed by an SSA Affiliate that a complaint have been lodged verbally and the affiliate advised the complainant of due process to be followed for a disciplinary enquiry.
- No written complaint was received to date.

Summary Conclusion



- You will appreciate that SSA cannot conduct a disciplinary enquiry nor affect the rights of a SSA member based on speculation and unsubstantiated allegations.
- Be assured, SSA regards any allegation of inappropriate conduct by a SSA member in a very serious light and will take all required steps speedily, without favor and with the required degree of seriousness.

Thank You



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