

TOKYO 2020 OLYMPICS TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS 07 JULY 2021

The Zimbabwe Olympic Committee is proud to announce the Zimbabwe Delegation to the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. This follows the confirmation of the three universality slots from the relevant International Federations.

ATHLETES

- 1. Katai Donata Andra Sofia Swimming 2. Makusha Ngoni Methukhela Athletics 3. Purcell-Gilpin Peter Sean Richard Rowing 4. Vincent Scott Nicholas Golf 5. Wetzlar Peter Charles Swimming COACHES AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL Coach/Team Leader 1. Chivonivoni Mufaro Joy Golf 2. Lisimati Phakhamile Edward Athletics Coach
 - Stephenson James Alexander Rowing Coach
 Tudor-Cole Lindsy Swimming Coach
 - 5. Vincent Kelsey Anne Golf Caddy

OFFICIALS AND MEDICAL

- 1. Ndlovu Fredreck Chef De Mission-Head of Delegation
- 2. Mnikwa Abigail Physiotherapist & Covid Liaison Officer
- 3. Pakati Memory General Team Management & Deputy Covid Liaison Officer

COUNTRY DELEGATION

- 1. Mlotshwa Gerald N -Chairman Sports and Recreation Commission
- Hon Mathias Tongofa -Chairman of the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Youth, Sport, Arts and Recreation
- Kadzirange Tariro- PA to the Honourable Minister of Youth, Sport, Arts and Recreation

NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE DELEGATION

- 1. Thabani Gonye- President Zimbabwe National Olympic Committee
- Stephen Mudawarima Secretary General and CEO Zimbabwe Olympic Committee.

NOTES:

- i. Team Zimbabwe is made up of 5 Athletes and the 8 Athlete Support Personnel (officials) total 13 *(see first three headings).*
- ii. The Government delegation is travelling under the National Olympic Committee Transferable Guests Accreditation. The IOC approved accreditation guidelines allow NOCs to invite Key Stakeholders to the games. Transferable means they will all not be there at the same time but one after the other. The Invited Guests are the Chairman of the SRC and the Chairman of the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Youth, Sport, Arts and Recreation. These are key positions which have a serious bearing on the trajectory of our sport. The Olympic games provide the biggest opportunity and exposure to observe best practise and world class standards.
- iii. Team Zimbabwe in its travelling entourage to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games has included in its delegation the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Portfolio on Youth, Sport, Arts and Recreation Committee, Honourable Tongofa. The inclusion of the Portfolio Committee Chairperson stemmed from the realization of the need to expose our legislative support systems to high performance sport and its standard requirements which have been perennially underestimated in terms of budgetary support. It also emanates from the need for experiential learning by way of participation for informed guidance and legislative support of sport development and promotion.

iv. The SRC mandate includes the promotion of the highest standards of sportsmanship and to advise the Government of the needs of sport and recreation. In hope of a shift in the overall support of National Sport Associations as well as transformation of the sector into a viable industry, the Zimbabwe Olympic Committee has accredited the Chairperson of the Sports and Recreation Commission as part of the NOC guests to represent the Country in Tokyo. The deliberate inclusion of the SRC Chair to the world's biggest multi-sport event takes into cognizance that the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Exposure will be a meeting place of more than 200 National Olympic Committees as well as 33 different International Federations.

The travelling party would therefore like to stimulate sports development through emulation of the experiences and interactions provided in the games programme and beyond. The Government delegation also provides the direct link with our Embassy in Tokyo as they perform their diplomacy and political functions.

v. The NOC President and Secretary General for ALL NOC's under the IOC attend the Olympic Games as the NOC delegation notwithstanding athlete participation at the games and are thus not included in the overall team computations.

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ZIMBABWE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

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